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THE AFRO-AMERICAN WOMAN

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR RACE DEVELOPMENT.

The Advanced Position Which They Have Reached is the Strongest Proof of the Negro's Ability to Master Science and Art.

The last decade has been fraught by many grand achievements on the part of the race, notably among them is the position taken by Ida B. Wells-Barnett in her crusade against lynching and the unpreceedented and unparralled interest both in Europe and America manifested by orators, ministers, editors and and patriots of the white race. The agitation of the Negro premises concerning The World's Fair Board of Commissioners and lady managers, headed by Hallie Q. Brown whose logical position on the question was the comment of the American press. The election of Imogene Howard as a representative for the State of New York as one of the lady managers in the Woman's Building The appointment of Gay Lewis as a special newspaper representative from the city of Brotherly Love. The appointment of Mrs. Dr. Curtis as a chief of the colored department of the Worlds Fair and the grand participation in the womens congress by Fanny Jackson Coppin, Fannie Barrier Williams, Amanda Smith, Hallie Q. Brown, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Lucy Moten, Anna J. Cooper, Frances E. Preston, Frances E. W. Harper, Sarrah J. Early, Charlotte Forten Grimke, Maggie Porter, Cole and others of less note. The above clusters around an era of barely twelve months, and of course appears more demonstrative because of the World's Fair at Chicago, where a very large per cent of celebrities came together. The meeting of the educational association for the colored youths add much impetus to any speculation bordering upon this thought, because there were arrayed a solid phalanx of our Negro educators, bringing with it our leading elocutionists, writers and singers, poetess, women lecturers etc, Eminent among whom, were Mary E. Britton, N. F. Mossell, Sophia Jones, Mary V. Cooke, Ida Gibbs, Lucy Moten, Mollie Church Terrill, Dr. Carrie Golden, Dr. Ida Gray, Flora Batson, Desseria Plato, Sisseretta Jones, Ednora Nahar Henrietta Vinton Davis Clarrisso Thompson, Georgia Green Majors, Josie Lee, Hardee Campbell, Willey Benckley, Ida Platt, Lucy Thurman, Frances E. Preston, Lenora Bowers, and many others too numerous to mention.

The assemblage of so much talent of the race had never before been achieved, and only those conversant with the educational prestige ofour women could appreciate what Negro women are doing as intellectual factors. We would not say that our men were not there, equally as represented, for in fact, nearly all the leading bishops and divines, to say nothing of our prominent lawyers, doctors and newspaper men, but we do say, that woman was in greater evidence, and if their greater showing may be taken as a criterion, when as a rule it is well known that, woman is the stay-at-home article of the family, we must conclude that our women are our greatest intellectual factors. So far as the advancement of the race is concerned, it would be easier by far to chronicle what our women are not doing, for then it could be said in few words as Mrs. Rosetta Douglass Sprage truly says:

"Our progress depends on the united strength of both women and men—the woman alone nor the man alone can do the work. We have so fully realized the fact by witnessing the work of our men with the women in the rear. This is indeed a woman's era."

Noble expression is this; and conclusively demonstrates that woman is serving faithfully and unhesitatingly her mission as a helpmeet. The woman's confederation fostered by such noble souls as Mrs Booker T. Washington, Victoria Mathews, J. H. Perrie Ruffin, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Lucy Thurman, Fanny Jackson Coppin, Francis E. W. Harper, Mollie Church Terrell, and a talented array of lesser lights gives promise to our future years, brighter any glory dreamed of by the unceasing toil of our irresistable matchless manhood. If our race must rise to great social power, it must result from our supremely social functionary, our pure sweet womanhood. If our race must be a power in the effort brought forth, and the principles indoctrinated into our boys and girls whose mothers are such as these. As Lillian Fox says, a race no less than a nation is prosperous in proportion to the intelligence of its women." And as we truly repeat, the highest mark of our prosperity, and the strongest proofs of Negro capacity to master the sciences and fine arts, are evidenced by the advanced positions to which Negro women have attained.

In Mrs. A. J. Coopers work, is the high literary premises captured by one of our brainy female lieutenants. An effort in literature that stands equal to any literary effort during the last decade from the pen of any race. Frederick Douglass, peace to his ashes, never attracted greater attention nor stronger hearts than Ida Wells when pleading in a foreign country against the lynching and atrocities blacker than sixteen midnights concentrated.

But the province of these few lines is not to strike parralles, nor draw comparisons. Women in her noiseless, modest air is showing her ability to be, not only the mothers of men but their helpmeet. The schools, the department of charities, and helpful local organizations, consequent of their anniversaries, are but the hints of the broad active and energetic brain at the back of them. In their wake will come seminaries, orphan asylumns for parentless children, hospitals for our helpless and maimed, departments of mercy, that will call forth activity more generous, yet more general because free from the guise of religion, sex or denominational creeds. The Negro women is just now a very important factor in our race developement, and her success has come not from the strength of muscle, nor from her necromancy, but from that power, recognized and appreciated everywhere, a determined will and a refined modesty to do her part well, whatever the cause she persued. Let the youths of our race study our history. Our men and women are no greater than we consider them. That they have been no greater is not from any lack of effort on their part, but because of the beggarly estimate we, as a race, place upon worth. Let us exalt our opinions, ennoble our sentiments and discover if we have not e've this, that "worth makes the man." Reading such books as "The Black Phalanx" by Lieutenant Wilson, "Black and White" by Fortune, "My Life" by Geo. L. Knox, "My Freedom" by Douglass, "Men of Mark" by Simmons, "Work of the Afro-American Women" by Mrs. Dr. Mossell, "Noted Negro Women" by Dr. Majors "History of Tou Saint L'Overture" by Straker, "The Works of Delaney" Still, Benjamin, William's "History of the Negro Race," and many others, inotably I. Garland Penn's History of the Afro-American Press, we may learn much to benefit the race.

Read our leading newspapers this is the duty of our race. While our men have done a great work and engaged in greater triupmphs which shall glitter in the pages of the history we shall make for ourselves, our women numerically, mentally speaking represent a higher civilization than the men, and have demonstrated that they are at present our chief intellectual factors. Many of our men writers are attempting to solve certain social problems, and it is a bit amusing to read their feather-edged flourishes of rhetoric, whose logic is based upon ill-founded reason and whose fallacies would cause Douglass and Still to turn in their graves. Let us study our own characters, learn to eulogize in song and story, men and women of our own race. Often no doubt we startle at the plaudits given Douglass, Payne, Banneker and Attucks, by the white press, their well tempered lives surrounded by such a chain of romance sweeten American history, and these writers thrive well with such liberal hearts.

Most of our trouble to-day and it cannot be successfully contradicted is that we read too much Dickens and not enough of Douglass, too much of the Arabian Nights and not enough of Still's Underground Railroad. As Negroes we revere too much of that weave and woof, the result of the white man's indefatigable spirit, and not enough of the inspiration characteristic of our own great leaders. Our women are coming forth with their maternal edicts, and the long and mistrodden but well beaten paths, will be forsaken and propose to guide hereafter the tender youth along the shoals, pointing out with care the quick sands, differentiating the mirage from the real, and teaching ideality instead of sophistry. In the high social realm of refined womanhood there is no scramble for prestige, honor and superficial greatness, what woman is, gives her, her unmistaken and undeniable place. Here is where woman succeeds coupled with her intellectual force is her moral strength asserted and makes her doubly strong. Here is where men fail, having the intellectual force, but lacking sadly in moral stamina they go down.

The wisdom of the present teaches that woman is the factor that must have sway. Woman has been the voice, the life and the maintainance of Christianity, of all moral and religious reform, and as the mother of Christ she can be no less than the mother of our religious, moral and intellactual activity. The race will be infinitely better off the sooner we accept "race consciousness," as Dr. Henderson points out and adopt ideas less extravagant than many set forth by visionary dreamers, whose purpose is to wring plaudits from pretty sounding phrases, and whose musings invites simply gratification of sentiment. Let us come forth with that ideality characteristic of the Negro, and like other great races that have succeeded along the highways of intellect, religion, and finance, place the crown of our success upon our women as they represent the virtue, and Christianity that we boast.

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Author "Noted Negro Women,"
Decatur, Ill.

HON. D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER,
Who was defeated for re-election as Circuit Court Commissioner of Detroit, Mich. See editorial.

A Serious Affray.

Harpeth, Tenn., Special.

On Nov. 24th our beautiful village was the scene of a very exciting affray which nearly ended in a race riot. The trouble grew out of a lawsuit between James Williams, white, and Willie Baugh, colored. Williams claimed that Baugh owed him $28 for the rent of a house and the pastorage of his hogs, and for said claim attached Baugh's crop and hogs. Baugh denied owing Williams any money, and brought suit to recover his property. When McCorkle, Baugh's counsellor, finished his argument, Williams and son believing that his claim was lost, and maddened because Baugh had mimiced him during the suit, desperately assaulted Baugh. For a few minutes there was an exciting fight in which sticks, rocks and knives were freely used. Quiet was soon restored by officers Jeff Stephens and Dick Gray assisted by Wm. Murray, colored. No one was seriously hurt. Andrew Baugh, a brother of Willie Baugh, was struck with a rock thrown by Lee Fleming, but was not seriously hurt.

Wedding Bells.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. M. Pillow has recovered. Miss Fannie Turner and mother are improving. Dr. A. S. J. Borchett has a new buggy. Will Bryan has returned to the city. A picturesque wedding last Wednesday evening was that of Miss Susie Hubbard to Ed Cotton in the home of Mrs. Wm. H. Bell, 436 Beale street. The house was decorated with palms and chrysanthemums and the bridesmaid carried graceful bunches of the same flowers. Rev. Wm. J. McMichael of St. John officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are at home to their friends on Manassas street. Of the December weddings, that of Miss Utah Jacobs and Charley P. Washington will be one of the largest and most interesting. The ceremony will take place the 16th in Avery Chapel at 8:30 p. m., when Dr. J. N. Abby will officiate. Thanksgiving Day in Memphis was chiefly remarkable for the number of entertainments and amusements. Some of the events were postponed on account of the inclement weather. Many of the churches held services which were well attended.

Chatham Items.

Chatham, Ont., Canada, Special.

The Freeman is a welcome visitor in our homes; we have it in the Sunday School each Sunday it is introduced from the pulpit. Our Sunday School is growing larger. The pastor takes great interest in trying to elevate his congregation with the Bible and The Freeman. Miss Rosetta Scott a worthy and accomplished young lady is to teach the Berean class; too much cannot be said of this young lady; she bids fair to become one of the leaders of Sunday school and educational work. She loves to read The Freeman. It can always be found at her home.

Don't miss our Christmas number the 19th.

A WOMAN IN THE CASE!

HER APPEARANCE AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SPOILS

An Aspirant's Chances for the Bishopric—Her High Standing—Preston on Dangerous Ground—A Chance for Exoneration.

Dr. C. W. Preston of St. Louis, Mo., is the hero of quite a discussion in the press and around the firesides. If he is innocent of the charges that have been laid at his door the world ought to know that he is innocent, and then his slanderers and traducers can be shunned by all. Dr. Preston, if he is not guilty, has too large a grasp on society and too much influence in the church to which he is connected for him not to rise up like a man and shake to the winds the crimes that have been marked against him. The way the matter now stands, he has dragged too many of the lights of the connection into his case, and made them sharers of the said crimes that are against him. Dr. Preston is a man of refinement, a gifted preacher, a talented leader and a born diplomat in dignity. No man ever talks with him ten minutes but that he learns to love him. At the General Conference I heard scores of men, ministers and lay delegates remark: "My, that man Preston—I've heard about him; I never met him before, but since meeting him I've decided to scratch one of the old candidates and vote for him; I believe that's the way to settle all this old talk about So-and-So—vote for Preston." I heard such remarks as those in the caucuses, around the church, at the tables, in the restaurants and on the streets of Wilmington. Talk about Bishop Gaines, Dr. Hubbard and anybody else, or talk about the formidable candidate, etc.—all stuff! Dr. Preston would have been elected to the bishopric had not this woman came to the general conference. He made votes faster and easier than any man at the general conference.

The way the matter stands relative to the charges that now lie at Dr. Preston's feet, no one knows plainly whether he is guilty or innocent; no, none but Preston and God knows the truth of this matter. I was truly glad when the Missouri conference exonerated him. My heart leaped for joy, for I remember that for a while I had harbored in my breast the thoughts that a blackmailing scheme had been perpetrated, and for me to learn that sufficient evidence had been produced to clear him, I was overjoyed; I started to congratulate him by writing to him, but waited. By waiting I have seen the letter by Rev. D. H. Johnson of Abberville, S. C., in the columns of The Freeman which throws new light on the whole matter. It is without question that Rev. D. H. Johnson is a man of pure morals—a man that is pointed to as being spotless in his life and character. He has the reputation of being as pure and as honest as men get to be. It is also a fact that Mrs. Susan A. Pressley stands high in Abbeville. She is a teacher in the Sunday school, a member of the choir, and holds a grasp on the society of that little town equal to anybody there. The other parties mentioned in connection with this affair have such a hold on society and the church that if Dr. Preston is knowingly guilty, the A. M. E. church might as well break up business and sell out. If it is true that men whom the church have exalted to its highest places have known Preston to be thrice married without being divorced, and he slightly modifying his name and enjoying the comforts of the best churches and did not stop him, then the church is doomed to destruction and death. Again, if Preston is innocent, and men for the sake of office concocted a scheme to defeat him and to "ride in" themselves, God will be severe in his punishment to them. But why all this about those whom say they know him to be guilty, or those whom it is said of them that they have blackmailed him? Preston is in debt to the church; Preston is in debt to the Negro race; Preston is in debt to his congregation, and Preston is in debt to his family. He can easily pay his debt and relieve his friends of anxiety, and he can lift suspicion off those whom really are his friends.

There is no need talking about Dr. Parks. His clean life, his election to the position held by that matchless orator and patriot, Dr. Derrick, and his unassuming manner of life causes the writer to say that Dr. Parks certainly believes Dr. Preston innocent, or he would have never consented to congratulate him. The same is true of the great bishop who presided over that conference.

The conference calendar is published in the Christian Recorder, the Voice of Missions and the Southern Christian Recorder, and all of the preachers and others who are reported to know the guilt of Dr. Preston were acquainted with the date of the conference, and they too know that any and all preachers' character can be arrested at the conference. Therefore they with a burning love for the church, without any summons should have had evidence at the sitting of the Missouri conference to substantiate their allegations. If they had love for the church enough to stop him from being elected bishop, the same love ought to prompt them to keep him out of the pastorate, for no man is (after attaining such prominence as Dr. Preston) fit to pastor if he is not fit for a bishop. Coppin, Jennifer, Murchison, Roberts, Ross, Conner, Welsh, Seaton, Bradwell, Tyree, Taylor, Abbey, Flipper, Mixon, and others whose names were presented for some position or another, went out of the fight to their respective charges untar-

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THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR.

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE LITERARY SOCIETY,

At St. Phillip Church, Belton, Tex., by J. R. Melontree.—A Question for The Young Man—The Changes Of the Man.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

In obedience to the will of the president and members of this society I come to respond to the lessons of this hour. Being confronted with a multiplicity of living subjects of this age the choice of my selection is "The Demands of the Hour." We are conscious of a boundless capacity of research, knowledge and progress and our curiosity grows faster than its gratification; our sense of ignorance grows faster than our knowledge. In no department of life do we ever reach our aims or embody our conceptions. Man philosophies from the known to the unknown, he even reaches out and grasps at infinity. In the longing of his mind for beauty and truth he is not satisfied with the flow of the stream, but seeks its source. Not satisfied with this he climbs the rugged mountain of fame and from her lofty summit he looks upon the plain below and sees the relation of each province to that of its neighbor. For more definite information he leaves the peak and enters the plain below, and though distance may lend enchantment it also begets a dimness fatal to our purposes.

On the one hand man witnesses old and new theories. He finds that ever age brings new prodiges; every year new ideas; and every hour new thoughts. On the other hand he finds that the same law that governs one will not govern the other. The philosophy of the past is not the philosophy of the present. The sage of yesterday is an imbecle of today. But with a desire to play his part upon the field of action he exclaims: "I must meet the demands of the hour." We live in an age of great mental excitement. Ideas go booming through the world like cannons, thoughts are mightier than armies; the public mind is awaken; societies are assending the hights of prefection; ignorance and superstition are rapidly fading away before the effulgent light of intelligence. The hooting owls of the forest have been displaced. The statistical reports of education are increasing. The tread of intellectual host is shaking the continent. Great questions are agitating the public. Felacious arguments are heaped skyward. Truth is below par. Arise and meet the demands of the hours.

Young men, what are you doing? Where is your courage? Open your eyes upon the great responsibiltty that awaits you in the future. Glance down the long line of coming ages. Behold the giants that are sleeping in the womb of the future that shall come forth to the battle for supremacy in the great field of letters. Enter the arena of progression; call all your forces together; take your stand and prepare to meet the demands of the hour. Young ladies, your artistic fancy and tender nature makes you the jewel of society. If by the training of your hand and the culture of your mind and the improvement of your noble nature you can inspire some young man to a higher standard of life, and help to raise up the fallen, you have met the demands of the hour.

Plato and Socrates argued upon the immortality of the soul. The great question was not settled until Christ came to meet the demands of the hour. The old waxen candles served their day, the ancients were not satisfied; the demand was more light. The gas turned on its flaring torch, but still it was "more light." This ringing cry kept up the song until Edison startled the civilized world with his brilliant electric light which meets the demands of the hour.

The Cartesion school, established by Descarts, after a long conflict with scholasticism, which was fought with sharp weapons, was brought to a close. The long-desired, long-sought and well-prepared movement was established and everything needful was accomplished by the genius of Descarts. His nautical and metephisical principles and his doctrines and nature of men are great leavers and the entrance partal to his Cosomolody. But time soon revealed the fact that Descarts had neglected the imperial element which was supplied by Bacon. Although the science of modern thought had been developed in the system of Spinozas, yet the wild cry was for the theory of knowledge, and John Lacke, the healthy and sober English thinker, met the demands of the hour. But why should I dwell here? The philosophers of the dead past have all left monumental reminders of glorious achievements. But posterity has not found it a difficult task to free the sound kernel therein from the husks of exaggeration and idiosyncracy which surrounds it. In this brilliant age upon every philosophers' stone is written these words: "You must meet the demands of the hour." Every stage in the great circle of knowledge brings newer and greater demands, We are just at the commencement of progress. The steam engine, the telegraph, the telescope, the Atlantic cable and the electric light; these are but toys with which science has been amused. There will be grander things; there will be higher and wider culture; there will be a grander standard of art and literture; we must be ready to meet the demands of the hour.

The world has changed. We are writing and reading more books; we are trying more and more to get at the philosophy of life. We are digging deeper and deeper into the philosophy of things. We are trying more and more to answer the questions of the eternal sphinx. We are approaching nearer and nearer the line of infinity; yea, we are trying to meet the demands of the hour. When Cateline was plotting the wholesale destruction of the Emperial City of Rome, the people knew it; the senate new it; and something had to be done. On the 8th of November B. C. 63, confronted with this monster of wickidness, Cicero arose at this critical moment to meet the demands of the hour. Ladies and gentlemen, this important demand is far reaching and daily observed. We see it in the busy halls of congress, and in the clicking rooms of science. We hear it in the labratory of art and in the field of literature. Go stand at the national centre of progress; behold the erudite and profound authors who are dazzling the age with their productions; the ponderous hand of science that is cradling the world; and the artistic touch of art that is turing the mind into ecstacy. Go sit in the auditorium of God's prelates; listen to their theological discussions concerning the Moral Ruler; listen to their logical reasoning concerning the great mission of life; look upon the rising pens that are grappling with psychology, ethics, theology, anthropology and the various sciences and conscience will whisper within, "the demands of the hour." Standing here tonight in the brilliant and departing rays of a progressive age I wonder what will the coming age be. Standing here tonight with a tast of the future, I bid you prepare. Study the forces of nature and use them to your good; get up and enter into the race. Bravely fight down the opposing elements and win the day. Strengthen your forces by contending with the knotty problems in life. Lay hold upon the moving lever of progress and help to move the world. Write your name among the men of letters. Then when the Master disperses the mist about us, preparatory to taking us from time into eternity we can conscientiously say: "I have met the demands of the hour.

A Wedding in High Life.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

At 2 a'clock p. m. Sunday Nov. 22nd. at St. John Baptist church, a large crowd witnessed the marriage of Mr. John McIntosh and Miss Elmira Ferguson; Rev. J. M. Owens officiated. After the ceremony flowers wer presented the bride and groom by W. R Penn and Mrs. Julia Bufford. The brides and groom returned to the home of the bride, where a large reception was tendered. A. J. Rooks who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C Wells, has returned to his home in Edmonson, Ark. Rev. J. H Hoke, state missionary, preached an able sermon at St. John Baptist church Sunday night November 22nd. His text was "What is man that God is mindful of him," Psalms, 8. 3; after which he left for his home in Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Doc. Curry, who has been confined to his bed about fifteen months, died November 17th, leaving a mother, sister and friends. J. A. Conner left November 21st enroute for the Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark., and will spend the ensuing term. Mrs. Mrs. Julia Spotwood-Bufford, of Cincinnati, O., is now a reader of The Freeman. Mrs. Bufford owns a beautiful little farm, also property in the city. Ed Bufford, the son of Mrs. Bufford is now attending the Union College at Little Rock.

In Honor of Guests.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Nettie Hawkins gave a grand party at her home, No. 603 Carpenter street November 20th in honor of Miss Bell Pondexter, of Woodlawn, Tenn. The evening was spent in games and social chat; at 11:30 supper was served in the beautiful dining hall. Among the guests present were A. Whitfield, Miss H. Chilters, M. Hutchinson, Miss T. Johnson, L. Ferguson, Miss C. Tucker, Rev. Pondexter, Miss E. Hawkins, H. Haynes, Miss N. Reeves, R. E. Hill, Miss Bell Pondexter, J. Perkins, Miss B. Hodson, Miss Bell Metcalf and Miss Nettie Hawkins. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parrish, of St. Louis, are visiting Mrs. E. Parrish at 523 Poston street. Mr. Henry Wilkens, of Eufaula, Ala., is visiting in the city. All the churches held services on Thanksgiving. Ike Smith has returned from a several days' hunt in West Tennessee. James Sykes, Miss Mary Gardner, Robert E. Hill and Miss Ella Ford visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips on Nashville Pike Sunday, November 22nd. The General Conference of the C. M. E. church was in session here last week.

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GRANT AND PORTER.

The Latter's First Meeting With His Subsequent Chief.

While sitting in my quarters in the little town of Chattanooga about an hour after nightfall on the evening of Friday, Oct. 23, 1863, an orderly brought me a message from General George H. Thomas, commander of the Army of the Cumberland, on whose staff I was serving, summoning me to headquarters. A storm had been raging for two days, and a chilling rain was still falling. A few minutes' walk brought me to the plain wooden, one story dwelling occupied by the commander, which was situated on Walnut street, near Fourth, and upon my arrival I found him in the front room on the left side of the hall, with three members of his staff and several strange officers.

In an armchair facing the fireplace was seated a general officer, slight in figure and of medium stature, whose face bore an expression of weariness. He was carelessly dressed, and his uniform coat was unbottoned and thrown back from his chest. He held a lighted cigar in his mouth and sat in a stooping posture, with his head bent slightly forward. His clothes were wet, and his trousers and topboots were spattered with mud. General Thomas approached this officer, and, turning to me and mentioning me by name, said, "I want to present you to General Grant." Thereupon the officer seated in the chair, without changing his position, glanced up, extended his arm to its full length, shook hands and said in a low voice and speaking slowly, "How do you do?" This was my first meeting with the man with whom I was destined afterward to spend so many of the most interesting years of my life.

The strange officers present were members of General Grant's staff. Charles A. Dana, assistant secretary of war, who had been for some time with the Army of the Cumberland, had also entered the room. The next morning he sent a dispatch to the war department, beginning with the words, "Grant arrived last night, wet, dirty and well." —"Campaigning With Grant," by General Horace Porter, in Century.

Her Loss His Gain.

Dramatis personæ, a small street gamin leaning idly against a tree. On the opposite side of the street a young woman carrying her pocketbook in her hand. Coming toward her the ubiquitous man who rescues damsels in distress. Just as these two met on the muddy crossing the young woman dropped her pocketbook in the mud. It fell open, and the usual assortment of thimbles, pennies, scissors, samples and dimes was scattered broadcast.

"Allow me," said the young man, and the owner of the pocketbook blushed becomingly and allowed him to go down on his knees in the mud to rescue her possessions. When he had picked up the rolling dimes and pennies and restored them with the other articles to the purse, he saw that she was still uneasy.

"Is anything missing?" he asked solicitously.

"No. That is, nothing but a penny."

"Oh," and lifting his hat he walked on, not having received so much as a "thank you" for the service. But then she was very pretty.

There is a climax to this story. When the young woman had ceased looking for lost property, she went on her way, and the street gamin darted across the street from his post of observation, and in a moment he had found that lost penny under the stone where he saw it roll, and as he walked away with it hidden in his cheek butter wouldn't have melted in his mouth.—Detroit Free Press.

Coal Mine Worked by One Man.

The smallest coal mine in the world is in the southern province of New Zealand, where, according to the reports of the inspectors of mines for the colony, the Murray Creek colliery is worked by one man, T. Bolitho, a Chinaman, who owns, manages and works this small but to him valuable coal mine. There is another small colliery in the same province worked by one man with the assistance of a donkey. The next smallest colliery is in England, in the village of Nelson, in Lancashire. It is situated near the Colliers' Arms and affords employment for two miners, father and son, who combine in themselves the positions of proprietors, managers, miners and haulers of the undertaking. The have the assistance of a donkey, and all the output of the mine is sold to the householders who live in the village or its immediate vicinity.—Exchange.

An Unexpected Greeting.

The gentle Elsie sat drearily in the gloaming in the front room.

She was very miserable, for on the previous night she had had words with her own, and now she fears her haughty Harold will not call.

She hears a step, a ring, a voice she knows, and some one speaking to the servants in the hall.

She will not wait until a light is brought, but gently calls, "Come in."

The visitor enters, and, with a sigh of awful volume the fair Elsie casts herself into his arms and softly murmurs:

"Oh, my darling, I am so glad you have come. I have so wanted to make it up and settle."

And he of the embrace remarked:

"Well, miss, it's very nice of you, and I'm very glad, too, that you're going to settle up at last."

It was the gas collector.—Spare Moments.

With Lightning Rapidity.

"Wonderful eye that boy of mine's got," said the proud father.

"That so?" mechanically replied the man who was trying to get away.

"You never saw such a sense of proportion," cried the proud father. "Pass that boy the cake dish, and he'll spot the biggest piece on it every time."—Rockland (Me.) Tribune.

QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE.

FASTEST TIME TO THE WEST.

Commencing Sunday, May 10, the Missouri Pacific Ry., will put on a new fast train between St. Louis and Wichita and immediate stations. This train will be known as "The Kansas and Nebraska Limited," and will leave St. Louis daily at 8:10 p. m., arriving next morning at Atchison 6:00 a. m., St. Joseph, 7:00 a. m., Omaha 11:50 a. m., Ft. Scott 6:25 a. m., Carthage 7:00 a. m., Joplin 8:20 a. m., Wichita 6:50 p. m.

This train will be first-class in every particular, consisting of Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars and Palace Reclining Cars. No extra charge will be made on this fast train. From St. Louis to nearly all the principal points in the West, this is the best train service which has been offered to the public. Coke Alexander, District Passenger Agent, Indianapolis, Ind.

A Michigan Romance.

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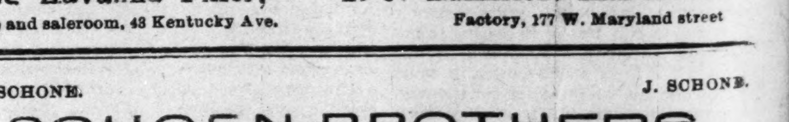

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"There is no death, what seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

I have just been reading over the pages of an old autograph album over twenty years old. That is I purchased the book twent-four years ago, when a student at Hampton. It contains 140 pages and 227 autographs which have been written from that time up to three years ago. It contains the "good byes" of school mates, the "good lucks" of class mates, the advice of teachers, the jokes of chums, the well-wishes of friends, the prayers of a mother, the love song of an old sweet heart, and the devoted penning of a wife. Twenty-five per cent of those who wrote in the book are dead to the world. As I re-read each psge of the 140, the persons and the time when they wrote in my book appear before me. I seemed to see them and seemed to hear them talk. They live in my memory, they are not dead, "There is no death."

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"Time rolls on his raceless course;
The race of your,
Who danced our infancy upon their knee,
And told our marveling boyhood legends store
Of their strange ventures happ'd by land or sea
How are they blotted from the things that be!
How few, all weak and withered, or their force
Wait on the verge of dark eternity!"

The pioneers of freedom—the men and women—who followed the North Star from Florida to Canada, or aided or abetted their bond brethren to follow the same to freedom: the conductors of the "Underground Rail Road;" the old Abolitionists; the Charles Sumners; the Thad. Stevens, Fred Douglasses and the Harriet Beecher Stowes have almost all been "blotted from the things that be." The few of this historic army of humanitarians who are still with us in body "wait on the verge of dark eternity." Still those gone are not dead; they live in our memory and the life "the life elysian." Heroes never die—they were not borned to die. Truth, fame and history will ever keep them alive in the hearts of a grateful people.

I am now over forty-two years old, still I distinctly remember a score of those who are now, in the wording of poet, "blotted from the things that be." During the days of my childhood it was good fortune to have been danced upon the knees of several of these pioneers of freedom and vanguard of emancipation. During my youth-hood days it was my pleasure and delight when residing at Kempsville, Princess Anne county, Va., to listen more than a hundred times to these strange tales of the doings of the old fathers "'for the war," and let me here say that they were giants—giants manual and mental—in those days.

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"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder fill us,
And foolish notion."

OUR COLORED BROTHER.

Our colored brother is not nursed and petted as he was a few years ago. All the red hot Abolitionists are dead, and he is allowed for the most part to take care of himself as best he can. And he doing about as well as a good many of the white brethren. He is not coming North in swarms, as he did from 1875 to 1885. Such of him as are here seem to be holding their own. Such as are in the South are staying there and existing. There is very little in the cold, inclement North for Ethiop to do. He finds it hard to compete with Erin and Dutchie.

NOT SPECULATIVE

One of the strangest things about the Negro is his avoidance of the fields of speculation. Our great writers on the subject of the future of the black race have never, so far as I know, considered its tendency to drift away from such places as Wall street. Negroes are not speculative. Here and there we find one on the turf, who has a small stable of his own and does a little betting on the races. But he is generally nothing more than a tout, preferring to make a dollar now and then out of a tip given to some white "sucker." This, of course he blows in as soon as possible.

NOT IN THE STREET.

The Stock Exchange and the Consolidated Exchange, the Produce Exchange and the Cotton Exchange, the Coffee Exchang and the Real Estate Exchange are without colored members. So far as I am aware there is nothing in the constitution of either preventing the election of a Negro to membership. We find Negroes in every other walk of life. They are lawyers, merchants, teachers, preachers, politicians, members of Legislatures, on Governors' councils, shoemakers, tailors, farmers, editors of newspapers, craftsmen of all kinds, yet never one in the world of finance. There is not a Negro banker in New York, though many darkies here are rich enough to open banks. I have never heard of a Negro giving orders to a broker to buy or sell stocks.

WHERE DOES ETHIOP STAND?

There is not a colored member of the Chamber of Commerce. Caleb Sims is a great man in his election district, but he can not get in with the swell merchants. There is not a full-fledged Negro member of any regiment of the National Guard. There may soon be Negro policemen, for one of the Commissioners of Police is in favor of having them on the force. There are a few Negro postmen, and excellent workers, too. We find a few Negro butlers and upper servants in some of the old families of the South now resident in New York, but the British servant makes it hard for them to get along. Negro Coachmen are becoming more scarce yearly. Where does our colored brother stand? What is he doing for himself and posterity?

—(From Victor Smith's "On the Tip of the Tongue" column in the New York Press of November 23rd.

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"Tis strange but true, for truth is always strange—
Stranger than fiction. If it could be told
How much would novels gain by the exchange?
How differently the world would men behold!"

The writer of the quotations in the above paragraph about the "colored brethren," etc., is Victor Smith, one of the able writers on the editorial staff of the greatest newspaper of the day—The New York Press. He is a close observer of people and things and a fearless, outspoken writer. He is a son of the South, not the old, old South or the new "New South," but the intermediate South. In the language of the street he is not "stuck" on the "brother in black." as one who can see, who is able to read between the lines of his previous articles wherein the Negro took an active part. More than once I have felt it my self-appointed duty to "call him down" for referring to the colored American in this article as a "Negro wench," "Kentucky coon'" "Southern darkey" etc. Still I do not lay this unjournalistic and ungentlemanly error at his door. It is not his fault; it will take more than three generations to impress it upon the white Southern mind that the war is over; that the Yankee (aided by the ex-slave) gave the South a gold-darned good licking; that the slaves are free men and are in the South to stay; and that the "lost cause" is lost beyond all hope—dead and the other thing (it was "the other thing" years before it was killed. Smith being a white man born in the South 'fore the war, sah, will never acknowledge the colored brother to be a thirty-third degree brother in the fraternal order of Americanship; still he is fair and truthful in his writings and the fact that he devotes a whole page to "our colored brother" shows that he has "got onto our curves," or our fear to speculate or enter the field of business. His pointed pennings prove the truthfulness of what I have been saying through the columns of the leading colored newspaper for the past two years, to wit, that the only way to solve the "race problem" or in other words to get full American citizenship and full American rights is by having as a whole, money, and the quickest honest way to get it is through and by speculation business. Suppose ten Negroes were members of the New York Stock Exchange; ten more, the produce exchange; ten New Orleans colored men, cotton kings; ten black men on Wall street; five hundred Negroes in the United States, business men worth one million each; would there be any "Negro problem?" Nit, no, nope, naw, nixey.

It in the hour of woe, when sorrow reigns,
When fluttering hope is dim, ambition fled,
And few in score earth's benisons; when pains
And all the ills of life have leechlike bled
Our hearts, had we then the power or art
To rend the veil which screens the future year
What balm would it reveal or joy impart,
To dying hope, to living doubt and fear?

An able editorial recently appeared in the Freeman under the caption "The 20th Century Negro" and—with my usual frankness I ask will the 20th century Negro be a man? I fear not. I fear that he will still cling to to his superstitions; still be his own greatest enemy; still retard his own progress; still stand in his own light; still hesitate to enter the fields of speculation and business; still be low cunning; still be the Negro of the 19th century. I hope not. I fear so.

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"A little nonsense, now and then,
Is relished by the best of men,

Willie had a little cash, his head was soft as dough, and everywhere that Willie went, his cash was sure to flow. He followed a white friend one day down to a horse race pool, and bet upon "a dead sure thing;" of course he lost the(—) fool. (Taken from life.)

Thus far this "Bluster" and now we stop
Not for want of matter but 'tis time we shut up shop.

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The timorous glints of morning stray,
Thou wilt have passed to fields unseen,
To meadows of perennial May,
Where never veers the vernal green
Nor fleet the vernal flowers away.

If e'er I think of thee as gone,
If e'er I dream of thee as sped,
'Twill only be in winter wan,
When leaves lie lorn and flowers have fled.
But when anew the sun has shone
Its welcome to the world of spring
Still by my side thou'lt wander on
As though thou ne'er hadst taken wing.

Still beneath day's dilating beams
Greet each new flower that May unfurls,
Still mix thy murmur with the stream's
And blend thy music with the merle's.
Then, as in vespertinal dreams,
The sun's tired rays receding slant,
Seek, as of old, the wood where teems
The nightingale's awaking chant.

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Fast falls the night. I will not weep.
Ah, no! Not tears shall be thy dower
To carry through the folds of sleep
Into the clime of leaf and flower!
Fast falls the night. More dark, more deep,
Each instant grows its eerie sway.
Farewell, farewell. I will not weep,
But smile thee on thy journey's way!

—William Toynbee in Gentleman's Magazine.

AMERICANS AS MUSICIANS.

Mme. Calve Says They Have the Characteristics of the Conquering Race.

Mme. Emma Calve contributes a paper on the "Conquering Race In Music" to The Ladies' Home Journal, in which she specially addresses students of vocal music. She tells of the training required for the operatic and the concert stage, the impersonation of character, the value of suggestions, etc., and pays this tribute to Americans: "The Americans have, it seems to me, in the field of music, and especially in the field of vocal music, all of the characteristics of the conquering race. They are possessed naturally of the most exquisite voices, which, when properly cultivated and trained, are almost unrivaled. They have indomitable energy, perseverance and pluck. They stop at nothing and are deterred by no trouble and prevented by no obstacle.

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His First Story.

A certain author, now well known to fame and fortune, once in the "battle for bread," wrote a wild Indian story for a northern story paper. That was 12 years ago, and to the story he gave his real name. He received a fat check for it, but year after year went by and—the story never appeared. It finally passed from his remembrance, until the other day, when he received a letter from the publishers informing him that it would shortly put in an appearance in serial form. That made the author nervous, and he forthwith sent the following telegram:

"Suppress story and return manuscript and will pay three times amount of original check."

The publishers replied:

"Can't do it. We know a good thing when we have it. The story is in your best vein."

Letter after letter, telegram after telegram passed, but no, he didn't have money enough to buy that story. So he has written to all his friends and critics and has explained the circumstances and now awaits as cheerfully as possible the weekly slaughter of the red Indians of his youthful brain.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Stubborn Genius.

Robert Chambers told me he was once talking with a man of real, rugged genius, who came to a sorrowful end. He said to the genius: "The population of this world is about 1,200,000,000 human beings. The little religious body to which you belong contains perhaps 800,000. Of that number not 300 could give an intelligent account of its creed. Yet you think its creed sets out vital matters. Is it consistent with your belief that God Almighty would permit just 300 of his creatures to know those things and keep all the millions ignorant of them?" The genius considered for a minute's space, then replied, "Yes, I think it quite right that God should do that." Whereupon the good Robert Chambers said very resolutely, "Then I'm tremendously sorry for you." And he never spoke to the genius save on transient incidents any more.—Longman's Magazine.

Reproachful.

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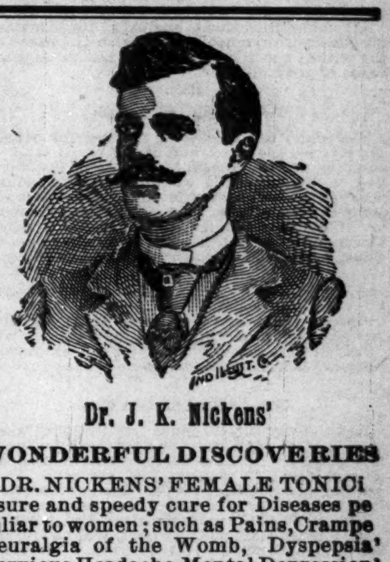

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A LEAGUE PROPOSED.

The high water of political unrest is now manifested within the ranks of Negro Republicans. Leagues and confederations galore have come and gone in the past almost with the regularity of the tides. It is apparent now that the Negroes are at sea, and that it takes concerted action to arrest the decay, seeming to set in. The Bee, of which W. Calvin Chase is editor, a Washington, D. C., journal, is very much in earnest about an organization for concerted action. However, it is no more interested than The Freeman, which said in an article on the 20th Century Negro, Nov. 7th:

"Those who cried aloud against muddying the stream of affairs between the races, crying, 'Let it work out,' are now left out of the management of the general affairs of the country. They are not dead. The great Negroes of a decade ago are all living with a few exceptions, notably, Douglass; but they are, as a rule, useless. They legislated for themselves, forgot those who created them, did all they could to keep peace by the cry: 'There is no race problem.' A race of this description stands more in need of leaders than any race on earth. The Irish have never felt that leadership was not desirable. Leaders not to pacify and make their sailing plain, but leaders who have the nation's good at heart. When Douglass led, the race looked up. To-day all conspire to lead—all fail—distrust, suspicion, ruin, the inevitable result. Way down in the heart of many who have essayed forth in many political battles the cancer of disappointed hope has been eating away the heart's core. This campaign has taught a lesson that is not to be despised. Deny on, ease up, further the political and all other afflictions and the taut rope of circumstances will so bound and circumvent that the Negro will feel his necessity is but a tradition. Will the 20th century find him still waiting?"

The following is an excerpt from a letter of T. Thomas Fortune addressed to Mr. Chase, which is significant in tone, proving the general apprehension as to the Negroes' future and a plea for race unity:

"I am glad that you are moving so earnestly and successfully in the league matter. Some such institution as the Afro-American League is a positive necessity. It was such in 1890 when it was first organized, Jan. 15th, in Chicago. The people were not ready for it then, although they needed it, and needed it badly. Are they ready for it now? This is an important question. A movement like the league, intending to do for us what the Home Rule movement under Chas. Stewart Parnell did for Irishmen—force respect and justice from their fellowmen and from the government—can only succeed by the united efforts of the people, under the leadership of men of the largest capacity and courage and unselfishness for the race's good. The unjust laws of states made to destroy or degrade our manhood and womanhood, the insolence and contempt of political managers, the uncurbed license of individuals combined as mobs, the robbery of the poor and ignorant in the name and under the forms of law, the neglect of the unfortunate infants and the aged and destitute—if these evils do not call for effective organization and wise leadership, then manhood and womanhood are not worth preserving and citizenship is not worth fighting for. I wish you much success in your loyal efforts. In a short time, as president of the National Afro-American League, I shall issue a call for a National convention."

That there is a work to be performed all who think must agree. It is conjectural as to the performance of the work. What to be done, what to do, is the key that is not so readily found. But there is a key to the situation and it must be found! In American affairs ordinary, leaders are not essential. But the fact is becoming daily more patent that the race is treated as a separate and distinct mass, regardless of the philanthropy of the philanthropically inclined. It is evident that everything that goes to Negroes in a public way is a concession to his race strictly, regardless of the all-American idea. It is also true that when the race does not bestir itself as a race, no cognizance is taken of the individuals. As long as such conditions remain, there must be a guiding genius to direct affairs in order that the greatest good may accrue to the greatest numbers. Give the league a chance.

APOLOGY IN ORDER.

Perhaps the Hon. George Lengthwise Knox of The Indianapolis Freeman would like to go as minister to Liberia. If he does we nominate Col. Perry Hercules Carson as Secretary of Legation. Rev. W. H. Heard, Dr. Div., and Rev. Maximus Manning will have to get.—New York Age.

Scoffer, your fling may survive to haunt you. Mr. Knox, as we have been made to understand, would not accept the Liberian mission on a china platter, but he is a candidate for the Recordership. Once he is appointed to the position honored by "the Douglass of his race," and now filled by the fat man from the banks of the Kaw," who knows, he might bar you forever and a day from the warmth of his official radiance. You have in the past no doubt, while in transitu from the Florida swamps to your New York home, found the Recorder's office in Washington a nice place to loaf around," a pleasure that in the event of Mr. Knox's appointment we would not be surprised; you would be compelled to forgo for four years at least. An apology for your maliciously worded squib is now in order.—The Indianapolis World.

It is a sad thought, indeed, that T. Timothy, who has the reputation for being "smart" simply for smartness' sake has not some claim on the affections of his party, but the ghost of bygone-days are still stalking, silently repeating "T. Timothy 'tis not yet time," and the morrow never never comes. But by the way Timothy, we nominate you as poet laureate to the next administration. 'Tis a position no Negro ever held. 'Twill well become your uncut tresses: the insignia of the office, you know

MISS MYRTLE HART'S SUCCESS.

Miss Myrtle Hart, the only colored harpist in this country, assisted by local talent, gave her first concert in this city last night at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The auditorium was crowded to the doors, and and a number of people were forced to stand during the entertainment. Miss Hart rendered four numbers during the evening, besides several encores, and all were heartily applauded. She is master of a peculiarly brilliant touch, which brings out the high notes of the instrument with the strength of a grand piano and the low ones with the clear pathos of a zither.—Washington Post.

Miss Hart is an Indianapolis girl. She hails from a musical family. She deserves the success she is winning in Washington, D. C. The press notices given her are highly complimentary, fairly establishing her as a muscian of national note. Miss Hart has everything to hope for in her chosen sphere.

WAS THE EDITOR "ON?"

The World of this city, kindly mentions the proprietor of this paper, Geo. L. Knox, for the Recordership of Deeds of the District of Columbia under the administration. Mr. Knox is very grateful to The World and his many friends who feel that Indiana is entitled to some recognition. The steady advocacy of McKinley by The Freeman possibly has much to do with the supposed candidacy of Mr. Knox.—Freeman.

Either Bro. Knox's editorial writer was not "on" when he penciled the above or Bro. Knox himself is suffering from a lapse of memory. It was not a case of "supposed candidacy" as The World understood it, but actual candidacy, so stated to the editor of The World by Mr. Knox himself.—The World.

We are afraid that The World will undermine our attempts at delicacy in order to have it understood that it was not taken in. It might have sacrificed a little even to the point of being considered an easy mark, when there hangs so much on such little.

It is being mooted that when it comes to the Recordership of Deeds at Washington, D. C., that Indiana has a new Richmond that has entered the field.

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A porter at his post?
His suit of blue, his shoes of tan
Portrays this genial host.

His silv'ry badge and jaunty cap
And buttons bright galore,
Thus point him out as just the chap
To guide you safely o'er.

Majestic grace e're marks his pace
While passing through his car,
A two bit smiles upon his face,
Nor dollars does he bar.

The transit companies, whose behest,
All must obey and then—
Place traveling people of the best
In care of colored men.

The "hobos" to the breakeman's care
The better class and best
Ride in a chair or palace car
The porter does the rest.

The ladies and the children too
Soon learn to honor him,
For he will them a favor do
To satisfy each whim.

There're men more jealous by one-half
Of porter and his berth,
Who chuckle, cackle, crow and laugh,
And wish him off the earth.

When ladies at him sweetly smile,
And treat him as a peer
There's always men whose blood will rile
At least there is a fear.

That he will win some winsome dame
And beat them to the goal,
And peradventure change her name—
Make her a happy soul.

But renting pillows, shining shoes
Obtaining "tips" his aim.
No privilege does he abuse,
Frank Williams is his name.

KNOW THYSELF.

"Know thyself." From a political standpoint, those two words form an imperative sentence, which is an exhortation well worthy of being heeded, if the American Negro expects to maintain his status quo in American politics. This balance of power reasoning which leads up to cabinet positions and other places of extreme honor and emoluments, is an affair that is loaded at both ends. The Freeman holds that a Negro has the same rights to vote and be voted for; be appointed and appoint to any office in the gift of the people, as implied in the constitution, in spirit, if not by the letter, in just the same manner any other man or race does. But the man does not know himself, nor the race itself, if he, nor it does not know that all American is not equal minded in this matter. The ordering of things do not reside in his jurisdiction. When mere numerical strength is the everlasting aegis, and this fact is everlastingly flaunted, there arises immediately that other greater question which has done so much to undo the South—wealth. The Freeman will not shut its eyes to this fact and hear nothing but the single sound of "balance of power." It is not broadness to cast nets for anything in the sea because of the potentiality. To be too broad, is to be useless. Tact and diplomacy, it appears, are missing quantities at this juncture. A cabinet position is not too good for the race. A position of that kind would lift up the race in the minds of the civilized world, but as The Freeman has said, there is more than one side to the story. It is extreme narrowness to attribute jealousy to dispassionate utterances on the subject not in accord with the idea of some particular or any individual, when there is such lattitude for differences of opinion. We will hail with pleasure the day when the Negro may sit in the first council board of the nation. But the step is gigantic, not on account of the lack of ability, for any of the noble men whose names have been mentioned, including: Booker T. Washington, Blanche K. Bruce, John M. Langston, Richard T. Greener, and a host of others, superb men intellectually, who could fill these places with entire satisfaction. The Negroes of Indiana have no axes to grind in this matter. There are a few places, to-wit: The Recordership of Deeds for the District of Columbia, for example, that they are going to get. They charge their faith up to the eternal fitness of things only. The Freeman is not antagonistical to the interest of any one who may be put forward for a cabinet position. It has this admonition to give: "Make haste slowly."

D. Augustus Straker, Circuit Court Commissioner of Detroit, Mich., insists that his defeat for re-election to that office was brought about by the contention of leading colored men, who claimed that he was not entitled to continuance in office. He says that three incumbents, county officers; Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk and himself, a Circuit Court Commissioner, all sought a third term. The two white officials, he says, were left unassailed by the colored citizens, but he was opposed, and the result was that through this contention a white commissioner was chosen. It is not for a moment to be thought the statement made by Mr. Straker is questionable. Astounding stupidity must be the verdict on such procedure. Thus it is, the only position of the kind ever held by a Negro in the state, a position pointed to with pride by every state, sacrificed to rapacity, greed and jealousy. The rule or ruin policy was thoroughly exemplified. And now is witnessed the spectacle of highly respected, dignified and elligible gentleman stepped out of the public eye through the instrument of the very people who should have done most to support him. The Hon. D. A. Straker has the fullest sympathy of The Freeman.

All signs point to the fact that Weyler, the Spaniard, is doing his utmost to dislodge Maceo. Maceo needs the sympathy of the world for his prowess in withstanding the immense armies of Spain. It is Toussaint L'Ouverture and Hayti and France again. The endurance of Maceo should not be tested to an extremity. No greater hero has ever seen the light of day than this struggling half-breed Cuban. We opine that he will yet wring from a hesitating nation succor and force from the world his due applause. The intolerable ambition of Spain needs humiliation. A nation that sacrifices millions of revenue and thousands of lives to vent its spleen, is no safe and trustworthy guardian of any land. Castilian pride is not to be buoyed up at the expense of an humble people hundreds of leagues removed, and who have nothing in common with the mother country except a language.

Mr. Oliver Gray in the Washington Bee, has an article in defense of the old leaders. He labors under the idea that the race cannot afford to displace such a noble band of leaders as Bruce, Langston, Pinchback, Lynch and others. The query arises, are they leading? The contention is not so much for the displacement of leaders as it is for the creation of leaders who actually lead. Mr. Bruce is not an old man, nor is Mr. Lynch. The others are yet in the meridian of life. But it has not been said any place that they even desire to lead. The leadership idea may be foreign to their creed. If such be the case, and if the times demand a leader, they must claim their privileges or step aside.

Mr. B. K. Bruce is said to be writing a book on the Negro question. It has been urged in the past that there was no Negro question. It may be presumed that such excellent authority as the Ex-Senator will set at rest the fiction. What Mr. Bruce says will be of moment, owing to his standing, which will not permit immature utterances.

THE NEGRO PRESS.

"During the past twenty years the number of papers issued in the United States by Negroes has increased to such an extent that at present they number nearly three hundred, nearly one-half of them being included in the recently formed Afro-American Press Association. The ranks of Negro journalists have included individuals of considerable ability and mental power. Owing to the moderate degree of wealth among the Negroes, none of these papers have been in a position to employ the most modern methods of winning prestige and circulation, although a number of them have attained a wide reputation. The great majority of the Negro papers consists of weekly journals similar to the 'country weekly.' Perhaps the most widely circulated of all is a weekly called The Freeman, which is issued in Indianapolis. The atmosphere and tone of the papers are invariably very creditable to their constituencies as well as to the publishers. Besides those devoted more to news than anything else, a number of literary magazines have also been issued from time to time, and there is now on foot a movement for the publication of a Negro magazine on advance lines to meet the demand of the most educated of the Negroes in the United States. Nearly all of the papers contain a liberal volume of advertising. As might be expected, most of it is very different from the advertisements seen in the pet periodicals and newspapers that are read by the whites. The moral tone of the reading matter in the papers is good, and now and then a quaintness, which is quite winning, is perceptible. The Negroes of America have no reason to be ashamed of their journals."—Fourth Estate.

The above is a portion of a article from the Fourth Estate, a journal published in New York in the interest of newspapers. The portion omitted refers to some special advertisements found in The Freeman, which can be seen by noticing our advertising columns.

DR. PARKHURST ON IMMORALITY.

Dr. Parkhurst has startled the natives in New York by asserting that there were a quarter of a million people in that city who were unfaithful to their marriage vows. On being interviewed he insisted that the probabilities were that the estimation should be increased rather than diminished. It seems improbable that the condition is as the Doctor figures. If New York has 1,500,000 people, one-fifth being minors or unmarried, then about one of every five is wrong in this respect, or about 20 per cent. He says:

"I say that I would not issue a policy for more than five years on the conjugal felicity of a couple who had no children and did not believe in a common Father in heaven. Almost every person who has come to me here in my study and told me of conjugal infidelity has told me that he was childless. There were only one or two exceptions. Children are a binding tie. You will always find that when a couple have children and believe in a common Father in heaven, marital faithfulness exists. I know the figure mentioned is an alarming one, but I arrived at it carefully."

The subject: "Is marriage a failure?" is now in order.

COL. GEO. L. KNOX.

The following is a tribute by the Hancock Democrat to a very worthy colored citizen of Indianapolis. The Sentinel cordially seconds the nomination, although it will probably have but little influence with the incoming administration. The Democrat says: "Our old friend and neighbor, George L. Knox of Indianapolis, but formerly of this city, is out for the position recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia under the incoming McKinley administration. The office was formerly held by the late Fred Douglass and is now filled by a colored gentleman. We would be glad to see our friend honored with the position, as he is worthy and is competent in ever respect to fill this or any other position under that administration. George ought to be handed the same on a silver plate, as he has been a good republican these many years and has never before asked for any pie."

The above is from the Indianapolis Sentinel, the leading Democratic daily in the state. We feel no hesitancy in telling our friends abroad how we are respected at home.

PROF. WASHINGTON'S VISIT.

Prof. Booker T. Washington's address at the First Baptist church on the 17th ult., was practical and logical, possessing a vivid interest and being of such an entertaining character as to hold his hearers spell-bound until the close. No one who listened to his rounded sentences, fervid, but practical rhetoric interspersed here and there with homely, and at times ludicrous illustrations can long hesitate to accord to him the praise which has been so generously bestowed upon him throughout the country, and has finally awakened Harvard College to the fact that a man may be entitled to the degree of Master of Arts who has never been within its confines as a student or matriculated at its shrine. We admired the man before; we love him now. He has reached the proper plane for the understanding of our condition and is unquestionably laying the foundation upon which we may successfully work out our complete emancipation. We are as yet slaves to ourselves, unable to break the ropes with which slavery has bound us. The national government broke the chains. Strand by strand we shall pick the thing with which we are tied until with a complete understanding of the improved methods of farming, mining and manufacturing, we shall stand forth free men with none to molest us or make us afraid. Prof. Washington possesses the elements of true greatness and stands as one of the most remarkable characters the race has as yet produced.—Richmond Planet.

No, the Negro has no mortgage on the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. But they are out for it, and will have it if there is any way to get it.

T. Thomas Fortune is named as leader of the league movement that is being forwarded by W. Calvin Chase and others of Washington, D. C. Fortune is a brilliant, capable man, and he ought to be a tower of strength in mapping out a career of usefulness for the league.

Dr. J. W. Rowland of Pine Bluff, Ark., may be mistaken when he says Mr. Geo. L. Knox is the most popular colored man in the United States. However, The Freeman thanks the doctor for his immense opinions. We are afraid that there would be a call for a "division" if the question was "put."

The selection of eight colored girls for the government printing office through the intervention of the Public Printer, Mr. Benedict, is certainly gratifying intelligence. The girls passed the required examination a year ago, it is said, but owing to their race identity, it is held that an attempt was made to euchre them out of their chances. The government stands pat at least. A few more hands like that and trumps will not be essential.

Says an exchange: "We are entitled to a cabinet portfolio, if not, why not?" Right enough, but we are also entitled to the presidency. Why take a half loaf when whole loaves are to be had? It is a mere matter of politics and politics finally means policy, and of course that means the best policy.

The "Pleasing Home Comforter," is a delightful little volume by G. T. Laster, principal of the Stephens public school, Camden, Ark. The volume is what it purports to be, reading of a general nature and at the same time interesting and valuable. The author has something of the poet's ability, as his early productions indicate. Mr. Laster is yet quite a young man, who will, in all probabilities, make a mark.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ezra—Please state amount of property on which colored people of the United States pay taxes? How much have they invested in churches and schools? How many were lynched in the United States last year?

The estimate of taxable property gained since emancipation for 7,000,000 of people is $264,000,000. Value of Afro-American church property, $22,570,882. There are 1,820 public school buildings for colored children valued at $240,402 60. Recent statistics show that from March 1 to Sept. 30 there were 154 lynchings in the United States, the victims of which were 38 white men and 116 colored men, an average of 22 such occurrences per month.

Constant Reader—Who is the wealthiest colored man in Chicago? How long has he lived there? His occupation? Has he a family?

Lewis Bates is considered the wealthiest man in Chicago, being rated at nearly $500,000. He is entirely uneducated, dresses poorly, and lives like a poor man. He was born a slave nearly seventy years ago, arrived in Chicago in 1861 by "Underground Railroad," and began by working in a foundry. He soon became an expressman, and at once began investing his savings in real estate. He has no family, and his only heirs are a few distant relatives.

NOTES OF SCIENCE.

It is certain that the elephant, the rhinoceros, the bear, the hyena, and other wild animals were at one time common in England. Several bones of these animals have been found in Kent's cavern, about a mile from Torquay.

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Nikola Tesla tells us that it may be possible to see the face as well as hear the voice of the speaker who is a thousand miles away.

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Sulphate of potash, and the double salt, sulphate of potash and magnesia, are also used as fertilizer, a pound of potash in these forms generally costing about one cent more than in the form of muriate.

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The gas engine, which in Europe has now supplanted the steam engine for moderate power, is being used in France for ships.

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The four great tunnels of the world are cited as an illustration of the marked diminution of the cost of engineering works during the past quarter of a centry. The Hoosac tunnel, the oldest of the four, cost $500 a foot; the Mount Cenis, the next in date, $475; the St. Gothard, $365, and the Arilberg, the most recent, $200.

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A new gasboat on the Havre-Rouen-Paris line is 100 feet long, with seven feet draught, and attains a speed of seven knots. The gas is stored in steel tubes under a pressure of ninety-five atmospheres. The engine is a two-cylinder one and is of forty horse power.

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Two Frenchmen have a vapor tricycle which seems to be a success. The motor is attached to the back of the frame and has a single cylinder. All the moving parts of the engine are inside a casting which is filled with oil. The main shaft drives, by means of a pinion, the differential gear mounted on the axle. The tricycle is also provided with pedals, which it is necessary to use to start the engine, but after the first few turns the engine furnishes all the power necessary. The total weight of the tricycle is 100 pounds, and it can travel up grades of 1 in 20, while with the use of the pedals much steeper grades can be climbed.

Morris Brown College.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Perhaps the handsomest suit of Y. M. C. A. rooms among Afro-Americans in this country are the elegant quarters that are now receiving their finishing touches at Morris Brown College. The dedicatory exercises of this organization will be held in their new home December 18th. Some of the most eminent Afro-Americans are expected to be present.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Dr. Samuel J. Harris, born in Williamsburg, Va., educated at the medical school of Harvard, elected to a position in the Boston City hospital, who has recently won much fame in scientific medicine, is the only colored specialist of the eye, ear, nose and throat in America.

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E. Hill, the Afro-American composer has published an anthem called "Cantata Domini," It is being sung in all fashionable churches in the North.

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St. Francis Xavier's Colored Catholic Church in Baltimore, Md., was bequeathed $40,000 by its late lamented rector, Rev. A. J. Gieson, who died recently in Germany. Rev. Gieson was the rector of St. Francis's Church for a number ot years, and his sacrificing labor in behalf of the colored people eventually caused his death.

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Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, delivered an address before the faculty and students of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. This is the first instance on record of a Southern white college inviting a Negro to deliver an address. Mr. Washington says that he and the half dozen colored people who accompanied him were treated with the greatest courtesy, and his address was received with marked enthusiasm. As he left the college grounds the students assembled on the campus and gave him their college yell.

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Miss L. Cobbs of Wynne. Ark., conducts a store of General Merchandise.

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Sergeant Wellington Schuyler, who enlisted in the Fourteenth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, Providence, R. I., September 1, 1863, was the first colored man to be appointed to the special policeship in New York, November 13, 1896.

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One of the largest bakeries in Chicago, Ill., is owned by a colored man named Thos. P. Morgan. He does a floursihing business.

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Coommissiner D. I. Murphy has appointed a little colored boy as a messenger in the Pension Office, Washington, D. C. It is the first of the kind ever made in that Bureau.

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Mr. W. T. Menard, one of our brightest writers, and well known as the only colored typo in the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., has just completed his term in the job department, where a very difficult class of work is done. He has been transferred to the Congressional Record, which force is annually culled from the most competent printers in the building, and offers an increased salary. Mr. Menard served on the Record throughout the last session and it is a recognition of his superior fitness that he is re-assigned to this desirable post.

Interesting Happenings.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

George Scott and Bud Foster left the city recently for Salisbury, N. C., to attend the Livingstone college. The colored newspaper reporters was never refused at a colored entertainment before until Nov. 24th. A concert and entertainment gixen by the Colored St. Thomas Episcopal church, at Arlington hall, the complaint was that the reporters should advertise them before the entertainment. From what the reporter of The Freeman could hear, there was not a very large audience to witness the affair. While the concert was better than a good many in this city.

The joint committe representing the Knights of Pythias of Chicago will give a grand ball at 9th Battallion armory, 13th st., and Michigan avenue on Dec. 7th, admission, single ticket 50 cents; couple, lady and gentleman, 75 cents. It is the committee's intention to make this one of the grandest affairs of the season. The Olivet Baptist congregation had the pleasure of taking there Thanksgiving dinner in there new church, cor. 27th and Dearborn street. In the evening they had a concert and entertainment. The attendance during the day was 1500 people. Rev. J. F. Thomas the pastor of the church was introduced to the audience and made a short address.

The Beacon Light Court, No. 48, celebrated their sixth anniversary entertainment at Arlington hall, Thanksgiving night. It was witnessed by three or four hundred people. Some of the most distinguished Knights of Pythias were among those present. Among those were: Worthy Councilor, Mrs. Georgia Ball; Chairman, Mrs. Maggie Taylor; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Jackson. Committee: Mesdames Jefferson, Hays, Johnson, Meeley, Tingsley, Blackburn, Ella Williams, Cleary, Bragg, Monroe, and Lizzie Williams. Mrs. Sarah Hamilton gave a Thanksgiving dinner at her residence 3426 Dearborn street. The table was beautifully decorated with carnations and roses. Those present were as follows: Mrs. Emma Humbard, of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Augustus, Mrs. Albert Bates, Mrs. G. R. Hancock, Miss Elizabeth B. Slaughter, of Louisville, Ky., Misses Mamie Meridith, Ida Daniels, Mable Lawrence, Mamie Blanton, Mrs. E. Watson. Messrs. R. A. Williams, Thomas Oglesby, Ace Walker and John Daniels.

A Grand Reception.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The reception given in honor of Rev. H. H. Harris was a swell affair, and the attendance exceptionally large, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The preachers' table was artistically decorated with beautiful flowers. A paper was read by Miss Laura Troy, subject, "Zion's Spring again Returns," which was a rare production. Miss Troy is possessed of great attainments, and the best of all is a christian and teacher in Zion Sunday school. The Harvest Home concert given at Zion Baptist church on Thanksgiving evening, was very grand, and was favored with a large audience. One of its great attractions was a terrace platform beautifully decorated with every kind of fruit and vegetables that grows, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Harris. The Hartzel Literary of the Ninth Street M. E. church, is yet alive and meeting with great success. All the churches in the city served Thanksgiving dinner. The Care Street Baptist church, under the pastorate of Rev. Wyatte, is progressing nicely and has a large attendance with frequent additions. Rev. Wyatt is loved by his church and is doing great work. St. John A. M. E. Zion church has a live, active and aggressive pastor in the person of Rev. R. E. Wilson, D. D., who is full of push and energy. The paper read before the Phyllis Wheatley literary by Dr. G. G. Anderson, subject, "How can we Better our Condition," was par excellent.

SPORTING NOTES.

Sporting men found much food for gossip in the incidents of the encounter between George Dixon and Frank Erne. Every one who saw the fray admitted that in point of science and physical endurance it outclassed all recent bouts. There are some, however, who questioned the decision, and said that a draw would have pleased them better. Neither Erne nor Dixon was badly punished. When asked for an opinion, Dixon said: "Despite the decison they can't deprive me of my title. I am still the feather-weight champion, and they will have to knock me out to take it from me." Al Smith, who saw the contest, said: "Erne is undoutedly a good boy, but a draw would have been more popular." Jem Mace and Barney Aaron thought that the decision was rather severe on Dixon, but gave credit to Erne for his masterly showing. Dick Roche, Jake Shaeffer's old backer, and Senator "Dry Dollar" Sullivan were staggered over the decision. Johnny Manning, of the Hoffman House, also thought Dixon won. Probably the biggest winner on the result is Joe Little, of Oceanie, at whose place Erne trained for the "go." He went around the ring just before the rivals started in and took the Erne end of all the bets in sight at 3 to 1 and 2 to 1. A number of colored sports lost a lot of money on the decision. After the battle Erne told a reporter that he was ready to fight any 122-pound man. He also said that he would remain in town for a while and take a rest.

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Solly Smith, the young California feather-weight, who went to England a few months ago to meet Willie Smith,-the crack England feather-weight champion, and whom he defeated, returned from England last week on the St. Paul. He evinced great surprise when informed that Erne had defeated Dixon. "By rights," said Solly. "I am the feather-weight champion, for I beat Willie Smith, the English holder of the title. Dixon would not fight him, but forfeited to him. I am very serious about fighting Dixon, and will show my hand this week. I intended to post $500 for a match with Dixon or any other 118 pounder. I prefer to meet either Erne or Tommy White outside of Dixon.

The Ladies' Social Aid Fair.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

A. Whitesides was in this city on the 23rd, visiting his children and former wife Mrs. Georgia Smith. The Colored Social Cornet Band of this city recieved a pleasant call on Monday night Nov. 23rd, at the residence of Mrs. Herrington, (white), where a banquet was given in behalf of the band and in honor of the lately married couple T. F. Ray and Mrs. J. S. Jackson. Wm. Gwinn returned home to this city from St. Louis on the 25th ult. Perry Hopple was in this city on the 25th. The grand fair given on Thanksgiving day was superbly grand. It was given at Brown' Chapel A. M. E. church, by the Ladies' Social Aid Society. Every feature was new and brilliant in beauty, and well equipped for the occasion. Henry Whitesides returned to the city recently. Look out for the Western Star Temple No. 16, K. of T., they will give one of the grandest entertainments of the season on Saturday night Dec. 26. The Court of Calanthe will entertain on the 25th or Christmas day and night. The Social Cornet Band serenaded Miss Wenie Wheeler, of Vienna, Ill., on the 23rd ult. Wedding bells will soon ring.

The society man is primping up.

Woman is a delusion, and every man is prone to hug a delusion.

The cycler with a hump on his back is evidently bent on getting there.

Early rising isn't what it is cracked up to be. In fact, it's often a frost

It is not at all to a man's credit when he overdraws his bank account.

The young man with a strong face shouldn't mind a few falls from a bicycle.

Blobbs—"What is there you like about Miss Peachley?" Slobbs—"My arm."

Hoax—"I hear Bjones is in pretty bad shape." Joax—"He's always been bow-legged."

"I'll make you suffer for this," exclaimed the little brown jug to the man who was punishing it.

A man always realizes that there is lots of room at the top when he stops at an expensive hotel.

First Passenger—"It's very damp around this station." Second Passenger—"Yes; the train is due."

A woman's face may be her fortune, but it would be better if some of them would make assignments.

Sillicus—"Wine, women and song! What a terrible combination!" Cynicus—"Not half as terrible as women and whist."

They were two maiden aunts.
Who longed for just one chance
To ride a bike
Along the pike,
But drew the line at bloomers!

Return of the Hunters.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

A. M. Anthony, Matt James, Jim Jones, L. S. Edmons, Sam Roddy, Charles Roddy, Emett Bufford and others left for Peach Orchard Bluff Nov. 23d, where they enjoyed a hunt. They returned the 26th ult., having killed four deers. Miss Minnie Williams, of Kansas City, is visiting here. Rev. J. W. Owens made a short trip to Searcy visiting friends. A council will be held at St. John Baptist church Sunday December 6th, for the purpose of ordaining young preachers. The readers of The Freeman who own real estate in this city are: A. M. Anthony, Emett Bufford, John Martin, H. H. Wilson H. C. Wells, Edom Boone and Jerry Roddy. Prof. McDade teacher of New Salem, has a large attendance. Mrs. Ora Bufford, of Gregory's Point, who has been visiting her neice Mrs, Bittie Anthony has returned home.

Columbus Happenings—Personals.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mrs. May Wilson is on the sick list. Henry Williams dropped dead on Sciota st., and was buried from the house of undertaker Adams. There was a social given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, for the benefit of the Mt. Vernon avenue church, and was largely attended. The Second Baptist have traded their church on Gay street for a fine large church on Third and Rich streets. and will hold their first service the first Sunday in December. Mr. Thackey of 21st street is on the sick. Mr. Green is on the sick list. John West was held up and robbed of ten dollars. The prospects are favorable for starting a food and supply house with a capital of $1200 divided in shares of $10 each is to be centrally located.

An Enjoyable Affair.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

Rev. Jim Hambry, of Madison, Ala., preach two sermons at Connor school house Sunday to large congregations. The children of Conner school gave a supper Friday night for the benefit of the school. It was an enjoyable affair and a liberal collection was taken up. All of our people are selling cotton at 6½ cents per pound. All crops are housed in and there is nothing for the farmers to do. There is plenty of rain.

Newsy Notes.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

Miss Jessa Brown and Ulisus Cook were united in the holy bonds of matrimony recently. The Mt. Moriah Baptist church is having a large attendance at its revival meeting. A party was given last week in honor of Miss Fannie Housier, of Newcastle. Mrs Jordan's sister, Miss Lizzie Young is visiting her, from Louisville, Ky. Miss Bertie Poston called on Miss Bertha Thompson Sunday. Mrs. Fletcher who has been visiting friends here, has returned home. The Odd Fellows of Wayne lodge will have entertainments during the holidays, commencing Tuesday evening Dec. 29; continuing until Thursday evening January 1.

In Honor of Her Guest.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

Miss Lillian Johnson, a most talented and fashionable dressmaker, of Ft. Smith, Ark., who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Conway in this city, and obtaing the finishiug touches, under one of the most fashionable dressmakers in the city, left for her home on Wednesday evening the 25th ult., before leaving a party of Peoria's 400 called, including Mrs. W. H. Starks, Wagner, and others. A grand time was had, singing and music was the chief attraction; the hostess served refreshments and all bade her good bye.

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Agents of the C. H. & D. Ry., in Indiana will sell tickets to Indianapolis and return at one-fare for the round trip on November 30th, December 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Good returning up to and including December 5th., account dedication of the Temple A. A. Scottish Rite.

At Loss Without It.

Hogg, Burleson County, Tex.,
November 13, 1896.

Mr. Editor:—I feel at a loss without The Freeman. Please find enclosed money order for its return.

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L. H. MOORE.

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A WOMAN IN THE CASE!

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REV. J. G. ROBINSON,
Columbus, Miss.

Thanksgiving Exercises.

Texarkana, Tex., Special.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in grand style in this city. All of the churches had appropriate services in the day and exercises at night. The exercises at the State Line M. E. church were conducted by Mrs. R. B. Peterson and Prof. S. A. D. McClellan, assisted by a select choir. The exercises were very good and were highly appreciated by all. A handsome sum was realized for the pastor, who in a few days will leave for conference. Prof. E. G Bryan, of Little Rock, passed through the city a few days ago on his way to Frienship, Tex., where he is expecting to teach. He stopped over for a short time with his brother Prof. T A. Bryan, who is principal of the Junction school. The public schools under the management of Prof. A. B. Crump on the Arkansas side and Prof. S. A. D. McClellan on the Texas side, are doing good work. Prof. McClellan has introduced vocal music in his school, which has proven to be quite a feature.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

It is with much pleasure that I wish to speak of my recent visits to Fordyce, Pine Bluff, Dermott, Monticello and Baxter. At Fordyce I met the affable and courteous pastor of the A. M. E. church, Rev. W. F. Stone. Rev. Stone is highly respected and esteemed in his community, and as a race man, he is sound to the core. Brother Stone has has been local agent and correspondent for The Freeman at Fordyce for some considerable time, and during my stay in his city he used his influence and assisted me in securing subscribers for that great race paper

In speaking of the prominent citizens of Fordyce, it would be a serious error in me to omit the names of Dr. Green, Prof. McCrary, Prof. Ricks, Mr. J.D. Davis and Mr. Malone. Dr. Green is pastor of the First Baptist church, and is a profound theologian. The people of Fordyce has learned to love and respect Dr. Green for his broadness in race matters. There is nothing narrow about Dr. Green, and neither is he denominationally hidebound, but on the contrary, he stands with out-stretched arm, ready to assist any creditable Afro-American enterprise.

At Pine Bluff I was favored with the valuable assistance of Messrs. Black, Porter and Pritchard, in my efforts to advance the interest of The Freeman, I must say that they contributed in no small degree toward making my visit to their city a success. These three enterprising and progressive young men, Messrs. Black, Porter and Pritchard, are true race men, and are in sympathy with any movement that tends to make the condition of their race better

At Monticello I met Prof. C. S. Mebane, President Monticello Seminary, and institution for the higher education of colored youths. It is an inspiration to be in company with this prominent educator, and to hear him tell of his first attempt to establish a high school in South Arkansas. The difficulties, hatred and prejudice that he had to overcome, is exciting and interesting. Dermott, the next town I wish to speak of, is 67 miles Souh east of Pine Bluff, and is located in one of the finest agricultural districts in Arkansas. The majority of the inhabitants of this little town are colored, and judging from what I saw and learned, they are doing as well as most of their white neighbors. One particular and important thing noticeable, is the fact that the colored race in Dermott enjoy more freedom of speech than that of any other town its size in South Arkansas. On the last election day, colored voters in most of the South Arkansas towns were not allowed to make any great political demonstrations in honor of their favorites, McKinley and Hobart; but in Dermott they were allowed to shout and say "hurrah for McKinley" to their entire satisfaction. Would that we had more such Dermotts in the South. Among the representative people of Dermott I take pleasure in making mention of the following names:

Messrs. Robinson, Bailey, Johnson, House and Stewart, all of whom are engaged in the mercantile business. Messrs. James Holland, W. B. Cleman and Miss Fannie Johnson, are professional teachers. Mr. Holland was formerly agent and correspondent for The Freeman at Dermott, but at present he is enjoying a lucrative position in the public school. He is a bright young man with a brilliant future. Prof. W. B. Cleman is the courteous principal of the public school, and editor of the Advocate. Prof. Cleman is an aspirant for the post office in his town, and his chances for the position as post master are favorable. He is eminently qualified for this responsible position, and there is not one reason why he should not be successful. There should be no "sneak in the grass" about this matter, but let every Republican, irrespective of color, join hands and make Cleman the post master of Dermott.

Baxter was the next place I visited. This little village is just four miles west of Dermott, and is almost entirely populated with the colored race. At this point I was agreeably surprised to meet an old friend of mine—Prof. W. H. Gray. Prof. Gray is a progressive teacher and is the same good natured fellow as of yore. In closing this letter, I wish to say that I owe a debt of gratitude to the good and intelligent people of Arkansas and Texas for the many favors shown me in behalf of The Freeman, and in return for their kindness, I extend to them my heartiest appreciation. Yours for the race,

GRANT S NEAL.

A Week of Great Appreciation.

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The last week of the talented and popular pastor, Rev. J. R. Melontree, A. B, was one of ovation. The many friends that wishe him much success showed their high regard by their continuous out pour of ovations. On Sunday night 15th inst., at 8:30 p. m., St. Phillip A. M. E. church was crowded, and the outside was a dense mass of human beings to witness the marriage of Mr. William Brown and Miss Effie Harrison. The bride's family is one of the oldest and most highly respected of the community. Several families were represented. Among the many pleasing treats of the evening was the toast to the bride and groom by the silver tongue orator, J. R. Melontree A. B. On Tuesday night at 8:30 p. m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. White there was given a large surprise party. The surprise was given for Prof. J. R. Melontree, A. B. For three hours and a half amusement reigned supreme. Among the party was the following couples: Mr. Polk Duncan and Susie Davis, Sandy Johnson and Annie Shrock, Sam Kelley and Dora Ellis, James Embry and Mary Shrock, George Haynes and Nellie Moore, Herman Duncan and Sophie Petty, John Terrell and Emma Duncan, Thurman Crawford and Susie Garner, Silas Chaney and Minnie Moore, Will Johnson and Harriet Graver, Bud and Will Dixon and Edward Duncan. All enjoyed themselves. On Friday evening at 7:30 p. m., Nov. 20th, Lee Literary Society assembled in St. Phillips A. M. E. church to tender a farewell reception to their beloved pastor, J. R. Melontree, A. B. This reception was composed of eighteen couples besides its members. A more magnificant affair has never been seen in the church which was beautifully decorated. At 9:30 the president, Miss Grace Halcomb was seated. The formal mode of opening was carried out and the president began the program. Miss Maggie Hill, read a paper on "The Future of the Society;" Budget news by Miss Dollie Hill. The president then introduced Rev. J. R. Melontree, A. B, the founder of the Society, who delivered the farewell address, subject, "The Demands of the Hour." The speaker was at his best and those who have heard him know the result.

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He Turned the Tables.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the Negro poet, turned the tables on the editor of a well-known magazine in a rather neat manner recently. The editor had requested Mr. Dunbar to recite some of his verses and called in the members of the working staff of the magizine to listen. Mr. Dunbar asked permission to read first of all a poem which he had sent to the self same editor a year previously and which had been rejected. —Memphis (Tenn.) Scimitar.

HUSTLE.

Fellow Negroes, lend your ears
In this land so full of bustle,
We must cast our doubts and fears,
And at once begin to hustle.

We should stop so much repining;
For we have abundant muscle
It is childish to be whining,
We must look around and hustle.

We must take up courage bold,
Nothings gained without a tussle,
If we e'er would reach the goal,
We must hustle, hustle, hustle.

We must toil through spring and summer,
Ere the leaves begin to rustle,
If we wish to be a hummer,
We must get about and hustle.

—J. C. McAdams, Shelbyville, Tenn.

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with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had a large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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Where the light wings of zephyr, oppress'd with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in her bloom;
Where the citron and olive are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the nightingale never is mute;
Where the tints of the earth, and the hues of the sky,
In color though varied, in beauty may vie,
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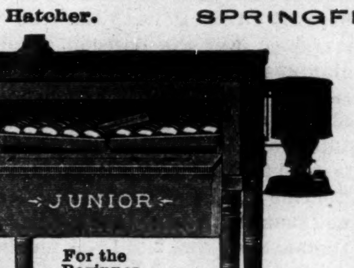

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CULTURE OF CELERY.

KALAMAZOO RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF ITS CHIEF CENTERS.

What Hollanders Have Accomplished In the Vicinity of This Michigan Town—Varying Claims as to the Profits of Celery Growing.

Kalamazoo celery is so well known in every part of this country that the name is used for all the better kinds of celery, and, like Blue Point oysters and Little Neck clams, the guarantee contained in the name sells the article to the exclusion of other brands. The excellence of this celery is said to be due to three things—good seed, dark, heavy soil and care in growing and bleaching it. Careful packing might be added. But as any gardener can select good seed and give the plants good culture Kalamazoo must excel in the soil or better natural conditions as a celery region.

The celery meadows are just outside of the town of Kalamazoo, north and south of the city, and surrounded by hills, divided crosswise by a high ridge, on which the houses are built. The meadows are about three miles long and a mile wide. These bottom lands are not common farming lands, but are composed of a peculiar form of black muck, the result of vegetable decomposition, and formerly they were so rich that no fertilizers were needed. Not more than a dozen years ago very little celery was raised on these meadows and none for shipment to other markets. Joseph Dunkly, the florist, was one of the pioneers in the industry, recognizing the peculiar value of the muck soil for celery. He owned one of the earliest celery farms, and it is reported that he amassed a fortune from the business before it was injured by competition.

In recent years the output has been so enormous that prices have dropped from 20 cents to 10 cents per dozen, and many growers have been complaining. The seasons of 1892-3 were comparatively poor ones, and a number of the growers left their farms to engage in the same business in the suburbs of New York, but they soon returned to their home town. The growers are nearly all Hollanders, and they live in dwellings on their small holdings, which generally consist of from five to ten acres. They are a frugal, industrious race, and they adopt the most advanced system of intensive farming. Five acres here easily support an ordinary Holland family, and there is no doubt but the head of it saves money.

The city of Kalamazoo is one of the prettiest in the country, and it owes not a little of this to the industry of the celery growers. The amount of celery shipped from the city varies from year to year, but a conservative estimate places the average quantity at 60 tons per day from July 1 to Jan. 1. This would mean about 3,600,000 dozens, and at 10 cents per dozen this would amount to $360,000. As this is a very low estimate, one is almost safe in saying that the industry nets the town at least $500,000 a year.

The bunches of celery are packed in wooden boxes and shipped to commission men. The boxes are made in the town, giving employment to a number of mechanics. They are about the size of a peach crate, 24 inches long, 16 inches wide and 6 to 8 inches deep.

Fertilizers are now used freely upon the already rich bottom lands, and every time a grower takes a load of celery into the town he brings back a load of fertilizer. It is claimed that four crops of celery are raised in one season on the land, but this is not literally true. The farmers make four plantings, which mature from July to December, but these can hardly be called four crops. The first planting is made early, and as this celery must be bleached with boards it is an inferior grade. The old saying is that celery is not fit to eat until after the first frost, and in a sense this is true, but modern conditions of our markets demand that celery shall be ready for use all the year round. The southern growers send it north early in summer, and since people will buy this vegetable out of season the Kalamazoo growers begin to send their product to the cities much earlier than five years ago.

The question of profit in celery growing is a disputed one, and, like strawberry farming, there are stories current of farmers making $300 per acre, while others claim that if they make $50 per acre they are doing well. At Greentown, O., where the largest celery farm under the control of one man is located, the profits are said to average between $200 and $400 per acre. There are nearly 100 acres planted with celery on that farm, and if these figures are correct the owner has every reason to believe that farming does pay. Like the Kalamazoo celery lands, the soil at Greentown, O., is exceedingly rich and well adapted to the culture of the celery plant. But even so, cheap labor must be employed to make the farm pay anything like $300 or $400 per acre. Here in Kalamazoo the growers believe that $100 and $200 per acre is a good profit, and a man with ten acres of soil need not suffer greatly with such an income. Six years ago the same land could have made profits of $400 per acre, but then the growers were receiving just twice as much for their celery as they are today.—Kalamazoo Cor. New York Post.

Pressure at the Earth's Center.

The philosophers who have figured on the condition of things at the earth's center give opinions which vary widely. Some think that the earth's interior is composed of white hot molten matter. Others are of the opinion that the pressure is so great that all substances have been condensed beyond our powers of conception. Dr. Young goes so far as to say that a block of steel 10 feet square would be pressed into a block only 2 feet square if taken 4,000 miles below the earth's surface.

THANKSGIVING ON THE QUARTERS.

By Dr. M. A. Majors, Decatur, Ill.

With stomach full the preacher said:
'Our souls are live, our stomach's fed
On all the good things, thank the Lord;
Thanksgiving brings such well-cooked food.
For turkey well cooked for this day
Is a blessing for which all should pray.
Thanksgiving's love all in the year,
And a well-filled stomach's worth a tear."
Hence to the festal board we go
To eat fat turkey and so and so,
Thence to the church our hearts we turn,
There to give thanks, meek lessons learn.
The good and learned preacher said:
' We thank Thee, Lord, for daily bread,
For turkey, jam and other things
The rich enjoy, so fit for kings;
The poor today have through Thy love
Some blessings here and some above.
We realize Thy princly power,
Thy turkey blessing of this hour;
For other blessings sincerely pray
That God may bring from day to day
The many things you sorely need,
Till you are happy brothers, indeed,
May your souls feast till filled with right,
And never slack, for victor fight,
Remember blessings of this day
And get down on your knees and pray.
The congregation rise and sing
Praise God for every blessed thing,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise him for turkey and so and so,
Praise him for teeth to eat your food,
Praise him for stomachs filled with such good
For dinners such as you ate today
Get on your knees, and let us pray.
The words were true and reached the heart,
As all had eaten their turkey part.
For turkey dinner Thanksgiving day.
All did have a heart to pray.
The Lord was in the Turkey feast
And blessed us all, even, me, the least:
And all were full of heart-felt prayer.
Oh! it was pleasure to be there.
The blessed preacher made things fit
And turkey sermonized a bit.
For turkey had gone well before
With religion and their so and so.

When the Czarina Marie was called to England by the sickness of the Duchess of Edinburgh, she was actually asked to pay for the coal and provisions consumed during her stay at Buckingham Palace.

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Miss Lorabji, who is the only woman lawyer in Asia, has just achieved the distinction of freeing a client of the charge of murder. She is the first woman to have charge of a murder case.

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It is stated that the government at Pekin will borrow from Chinese capitalists the sum of 20,000,000 teals for the construction of the Hankow & Pekin railroad.

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In the Alps and Pyranees there is a race of people who are old men at 15 and die at 30, all through drinking lime water. The Chinese, on the other hand, drink only rain water, where possible, and they live extraordinary long.

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Comtesse Danneskjold, who was married recently to Count Aage Molteke at Gopsefeldt, in Jutland, Denmark, had a most original wedding. Among many other strange features of it was the drawing of the happy pair to church in their carriage by ten bridesmaids dressed in bright red.

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The Transvaal government have decided to claim $1,000,000 indemnity from the British South Africa company to cover the damage sustained by the Jameson raid.

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One of the public schools of Germany the Nau-Ruppin gymnasium, has made it obligatory for all its pupils to learn to ride the bicycle.

Missionary Sermon—Exercises.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Rev. H. H. Thompson, presiding elder of the Indianapolis district, spent a few hours with Rev. L. W. Ratliffe last Sunday enroute to Logansport. Oscar Powell contemplates a visit to the Capital City. The ladies M. M. Society, under the leadership of Mrs. G. A. Ratliff, took command of Sunday services at the A. M. E. Nov 22 church, ducting them in a most entertaining manner. At the afternoon services the society marched from the parsonage to the church and listened to a most interesting missionary sermon delivered by Rev. Ratliffe. The evening service will long be remembered. The choir sang at its best. The duet by Misses Ora Byrd and Lizzie Faust was excellent.

The papers by Miss Nettie Woods and Mr. Ira. Roberts were excellent; much praise is due them. The solo by Mr. Joseph Haskin and the trio by Rev. Mrs. and Samuel Ratliffe was something out of the ordinary. The L. M. M. S. is booming and is to be praised on its order of services Sunday. Rev R. A. Bassett returned to his charge in Richmond Saturday. Mrs. Frank Brown, of Wabash is in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Gaskins. Mrs Russell is in bad health, The ladies Red, White and Blue Club will give an entertainment at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening. Mr. John Milton read a paper on 'The Collinization of the Negro," before Mitchells T. C. L. C. Tuesday evening. Mr. Henry Harris and wife, of Logansport, were the guests of Mr. and M. Lewis.

THE ENTERPRISE SOCIAL CLUB.

Wedding Bells—Personal Mention—The Epworth League Meeting.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The oyster supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Collins on the 11th, by Messrs. Tom Collins, Eugene Johnson and others was a success. Miss Mollie Pollard who has been sick for some time is out again. Rev. Jer negin passed though the city enroute to school. Mr. Eugene Petterson has been very sick the past week. E. H. Washington went to Shubuta Saturday the 21st We are glad to note the recovering of Rev. C. L. Harris. Mr. Ed Stevens who left last Friday for Se ma, Ala., returned Sunday night the 12nd. Mr. R. H. Alstin (Talmage) who has been sick the past week is improving. Dr. Coleman preached his farewell sermon Sunday night the 29th] at his church in the west end. Dr. Coleman will leave in a few days to attend conference. Rev. E. P. Love preached a splendid sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening at 3:30. Ella Modia and Will Shields were arrested on Saturday morning on a charge of burning the house of J. D. King on Thursday night. Mr. A. C. Taylor lead the Christirn Endeavor Sunday night. The literary society met Friday evening at 7:30 p. m, subject. "Resolved that the Indian has suffered more at the hands of the government than the Negro." Affirmative, D.W. Brown and A. J. Richey, negative E. E. Cole and W. A. Anderson. The judges were A. E. McLeod, G. W. Shoemaker and Mrs. M. S. Blue. They decided in favor of the negative. Miss Ornott was critic. Mr. Jim Norwood and Mrs. Austin were married at New Hope Baptist church Sunday evening Nov. 22nd. Rev. L. W. Watson officiated.

On Thursday, Thanksgiving night, Mr. Albert Gain and Miss Lilly Halloway were married at St. Paul M. E. church at 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J W. Harris have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eddie to D. Jones, which took place at St. Paul M. E. church Thursday evening Nov. 26th at 8 o'clock. Mr. John Barner and Mrs. Mollie Bell were married Sunday evening Nov. 22nd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Austin. Rev. L. W. Watson, pastor of New Hope Baptist church, officiated. Mr. Jerry Noll who has been to Vicksburg has returned to the city. Eugene Peterson has been very sick the past week. Mrs. C. B. Hyman who has been very sick is recovering. Messrs. Walter and John Moore, prominent farmers of Collinsville were in the city on the 21st selling the fleecy stuff. Mr. Ed. Love has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Smith. Messrs. Andrew Foster and P. Hill went down the M. and O. on the 20th. Rev. Jim Brooks, pastor at Lauderdale, has been visiting his family on the 13th. Miss Riller Burley of Vicksburg, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. R. Oliver, has returned home. Mr. Ben Johnson who has been visiting friends in the city left for his home at Memphis, Tenn., on the 14th inst. The Epworth League literary meeting was very interesting at the M. E. church. Miss Jenette Coleman secretary; recitations by several young ladies, debating being the last on the program, "Resolved that a man should neglect his wife for his mother." Affirmative, John R. Isabel and Willie Crawford, negative, R. H. Alston (Talmage) and W.W.Cole. The question being well discussed on both sides. The judges Messrs. D. D. Glover, O. G. Turner and Miss Clara Shields, decided in favor of the affirmative. On Tuesday night Nov. 17th, the Enterprise Social Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Parrish. After rendering the program the members and visitors indulged in a few past time games. Music was rendered on the organ by Miss I. A. Simpson.

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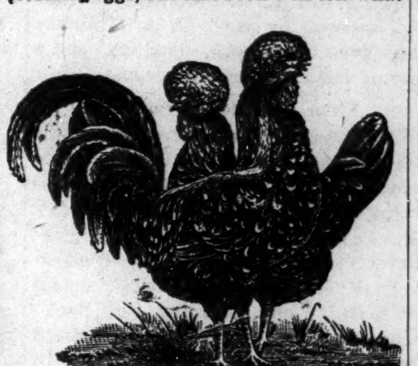

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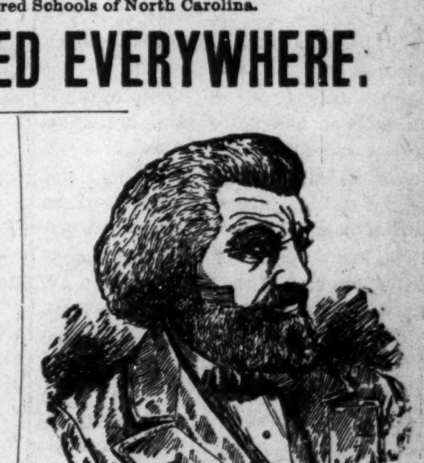

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Jack Francis is still on the sick list.

Rev. L. M. Leonard is now located at Danville, Ill.

Mrs. W. P. Scott, 120 Roanoke street, is seriously ill.

Miss Mattie Woods spent Thanksgiving in Louisville.

A musical treat at Corinthian Tuesday evening, Dec. 8.

A big dinner was served at Alpha Home on Thanksgiving day.

Dr. and Mrs. Carey of Cincinnati, O., will spend Sunday in the city.

Miss Myrtle Hart returned from Washington, D. C., last Tuesday.

Remember the date, Tuesday evening Dec. 8, at Corinthian Baptist church.

Mrs. Nannie Case—— was buried from Vermont street church last week.

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, A. M., of Jacksonville, Fla., left the city last Tuesday.

Miss Edith Rounds of Louisville, is visiting Mrs. Bertha Wright, 44 Harrison street.

Mrs. Clara Brown of Louisville, will make her home with her son, F. Brown in Norwood.

Don't fail to hear Rev. Hillman and wife at Corinthian church Dec. 8. Admission 25c.

Mrs. Lydia Hunter, who has been visiting Mrs. John N. Beck returned to Richmond Sunday.

Every one invited to attend Corinthian church Tuesday evening, Dec. 8. Admission 25c.

A number of our young ladies are seeking clerkships and other odd jobs in the legislature.

Mrs. Anna Venable, of the Falls City is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Callie Brown, 16 Leon street.

Rev. Geo. A. Sissle, presiding elder of the Louisville district, spent Thanksgiving with his family.

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Mrs. Lizzie Profit of Bloomington is the guest of her neice Mrs. Marcellus Neal, 112 Martindale avenue.

The Baptist Ministry of this city formed a Biblical institute at Mt. Zion church on last Thursday afternoon.

The Launfal Circle gave a witch party at the home of Miss Mamie Carter, 107 Highland Place Thanksgiving evening.

Rev. J. W. Carr was made a member in the Esquire Rank last Tuesday night, in Montgomery Lodge No. 6, K. of P.

Mrs. J. J. Blackshear is teaching at No. 18, in the absence of Mrs. G. A. Sissle, who is enjoying a much needed rest.

Mrs. Eliza Titus has returned from a pleasant visit with her sister in Gowando, N. Y., also other relatives at Titusville, Pa.

Miss Estella Daniels of Terre Haute, who was the guest of Mrs. Tillie Richardson in North Indianapolis, returned home this week.

Montgomery Lodge rehearsed "Damon and Pythias" last Sunday for the grand entertainment which will take place during the holidays.

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The ladies of the Alpha Home wish to extend their thanks to the friends who so liberally donated to the Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates of the home.

C. W. H. Johnson and wife of Newport, Ky., were in the city last Sunday at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. W. P. Scott, who is quite ill at her home, 120 Roanoke street.

The children's industrial class gave an interesting entertainment at the Ninth Presbyterian church Wednesday evening the 25th ult., under the direction of Mrs. Finley.

Vanice Saunders of this city, was called to Terre Haute suddenly to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Porter. The deceased was one of the oldest citizens of Terre Haute. She leaves three daughters and seven sons.

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FRANK BROWN,
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Death of Mrs. Lizzie Brown.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown, wife of Frank Brown, died at her home in Norwood, Thursday morning, Nov. 26th, of lung fever. Mrs. Brown was born in Lexington, Ky., in 1861, in which city she had a large number of friends, also in Louisville. Funeral services were held at Bethel A. M. E. church last Saturday morning, Rev. H. H. Thompson, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. A. Graham. She leaves a husband, daughter and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The Tuxedo Elevens.

The Great Northwestern Foot Ball Team Captained by S. Elbert, were defeated by a score of 8 to 0 on Thanksgiving morning by the Tuxedo Elevens. The Tuxedo Eleven are as follows: Carter Temple, Center; George Walker, Q. Back; Ed. Scott, Half Back; Jessie Scott, Half Back; L. Gaton. Full Back; James Harvey, R. Tackle; Richard Jackson, R. Guard; Guss Taylor, L. Guard; John Simmonds, R. End; Guss Truesdale, L End; Frank Brown, Captain and L. Tackle. Game refreed by Wayman White.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. Prophet of Bloomington, attended services last Sunday morning.

Quite a large number of strangers attended services last Sunday morning.

Santa Claus reception will be given by the Sunday school during the holidays.

A sacred cantata entitled "The Great Light" will be rendered by the choir during the holidays.

Wm. Parker, the humorist, won the applause of the entire audience last Thursday evening.

Rev. L. Stokes delivered a short sermon last Sunday night. The sacred concert given by the chorus of forty voices was excellent.

The recitation entitled "Monas Water," rendered by Miss Dauzzle last Thursday evening was excellent and very highly appreciated.

Rev. Wm. Bowman delivered an excellent sermon last Sunday morning to quite a large audience. His theme was "Faith and its increase."

Sunday morning is communion. At 10:45 a. m., Dr. John J. Mitchell, dean of Payne Theological Department, Wilberforce, O., will fill the pulpit. You are invited.

Much credit is due Rev. A. L. Murray for the excellent manner in which he directed the cantata Thanksgiving evening. It was a grand success from beginning to end.

The closing hymn of the morning services was a solo rendered by Rev. A. L. Murray, accompanied by the choir in the chorus. It was very appropiate and highly appreciated by all.

A Historical Literary Society will be organized by Dr. G. Mitchel Monday evening. A special invitation is extended to the public school teachers, doctors and all other persons possess literary abilities.

The Parent Home Missionary Society will render an excellent program Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Murray will render a solo and Prof. J. Milton Benson will deliver an address subject, "Duty and Charity." You are cordially invited to attend.

The beautiful hymn, "Rock of Ages" was pantomimed by Miss Josephine Murphy last Sunday morning, thoughvoid of speech or hearing, so graceful were her facial expressions and gestures. She reached the hearts of the audience.

Rev. A. L. Murray preached an excellent sermon to quite a large number of the members of St. Mary's Temple No. 2 and Doves No. 1, last Sunday afternoon. At the close of the sermon Mrs. Patsey Hart and Thomas Smith took a collection for Jonah's club, captain Rev. Murray.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Collection $170.44.

Miss Ida Smith is very ill.

Mrs. Lewis Davis is on the sick list.

The Thanksgiving musical was a decided success.

Communion services will be held Sunday afternoon.

Services were well attended Sunday. Dr. Carr preached at 11 a. m.

Preparations are being made for the Christmas exercises by the Sunday school.

A paper was read in Sunday school by Eurus Carr subject, "Learn of Christ in the Sunday school."

Rev. Dr. Waldren, A. M., of Jacksonville. Fla., preached an excellont sermon Sunday at 8 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Waldren, A. M., made a call to the ladies circle and joined them in the discussion of the life of Socrates.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Communion to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Dr. H. W. Furniss and Rev. B. Hillman visited our Sunday school.

The church aid society was entertained by Mrs. Lucy Burks last Thursday.

Rev. B. Hillman will give a grand musical concert at this church Tuesday evening Dec. 8th. Admission 25 cents.

The beautiful cantata, "The Prophet of Nazareth," will be rendered at this church Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, consisting of 75 voices.

Rev. J. Milton Waldron of Jacksonville, Fla., preached an interesting sermon at 11 a. m., last Sunday. Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor.

The church aid society served an English dinner Monday Nov. 30th at the residence of Mrs Malinda Thomas 1472 N. Senate avenue.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Rev. J, J. Kennedy's wife and baby are very sick.

Mrs. Celia Maxey of Jones street, has been quite ill.

The funeral of Mr. Lee Coats was attended at Jones' Tabernacle last Tuesday afternoon.

The trustee assistants will give a concernt and turkey supper Tuesday evening Dec. 8th, every one is invited to attend. Admission 15 cents, supper free.

The Thanksgiving dinner and supper was a grand success. The clubs reported as follows: No. 1, Mrs. Mattie Ruble, president, $52.05; No. 2, Mrs. Jane Thompson, president, $52.10; No. 3, Mrs. Belle Kennedy president, $ 39.20; No. 4, Miss Ethel French president, $13.01.

IN THE SOCIAL REALM.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season was the second annual reception given by the Anna Douglass Club, a society composed of some of Indianapolis' best ladies, for social and charitable purposes, Friday afternoon November 27, at the Herculean Club rooms, on Indiana avenue. The decorations were elaborate, each room was resplendent with chrysanthemums, cutflowers, ferns and palms. Despite the inclement weather there were over 175 ladies present during the afternoon; the afternoon reception was tendered for the ladies exclusively. In the evening they held a reception for the members of the Herculean Club members only, and a most delightful time was had by all present. Misses Flora B. Lewis Ada Parker, Miss Fry and Charles Sweeney presided at the piano during the evening. The officers of the Anna Douglass Club are: Mrs. Mattie Griggsby, president; Sadie Reed, secretary; Mary Wright, treasurer. Mrs. Mattie Griggsby, the charming hostess, by her ready repartee, her personal magnetism and her felicious manner made a friend of everyone she met. She was assisted in receiving by Mesdames Amanda Mayne, Ella Davis, Mayme Oglesby, Mrs. Brandford, Emma Moore, Kate Fry, Mrs. Williams, Sadie Reed, Mary Wright, Ida Cushinberry and Kate Reed. Among those present were: Mesdames Ella Davis, W J. Williams. Nannie Wright, Bertha Reed, Julia Johnson, Henry Moore. Misses Henrietta Bottoms, Wyetta Williams, Lillian V. Jones, Allie M. Woods, Algernon B. Jackson, Susie Newland, Annie McKee, Miss Crockett, Lulu Gurnell, Carrie Williams, Mary Slass, Mamie White, Ada Parker, Katie Fry, Sadie Dudley, Carrie Becks, Eva Mitchell, Maggie Van Cleaves, Jeanette Downs, Ella Van Cleaves, and Ada Modoc. Messrs. Wm. Williamson, Hon. G. L. Jones, Wm. H. Porter, Jas. Shelton, Lewis Ross, John Wesley, Robt. Harper, Felix Gayten, L. Jefferson, Geo. Worthington, Zack Young, C. C. Stepp, J. H. Lott, W. C. Richardson, Jesse Ringold, Mack Hall, Jos. H. Broyles, Dr. W. H. Furniss, Wm. Dodd, Jos. Patterson, John Starling, Wm. Thompson, Carter Temple, Henry Williams, Thos. H. Brandford, Elwood Knox, John Kirkendall, W. H. Jackson, Bruce Williams, John Bell, Chas. Brown and J. Harry Jackson.

Mrs. James Stafford, 433 Blake street, gave a pretty birthday reception Thursday, Nov. 26th. About fifty guests were present. Mrs. Stafford was assisted in receiving by Mrs. F. Mitchell who was attired in white silk, as was Mrs. T. Demby and Mrs. J. Breeding who presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Stafford wore a handsome black silk. She received many presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham entertained at dinner on the 29th ult., at their home in Newman street, Rev. Price of Bloomington, Rev. J. Milton Waldron of Jacksonville, Fla., Rev. N. A. Seymour and wife, Rev. J. J. Blackshear and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prince.

Mrs. S. A. McClure entertained friends at a six o'clock dinner Thanksgiving day at Vermont street church. An enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. John N. Beck entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day, Mrs. Lydia Hunter. Miss Wilhmina Tate and H. E. Woodering, all of Richmond.

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THE GRAND RALLY

Held at Allen Chapel Last Sunday a Splendid Success.

Below is given a partial report of the grand rally held at Allen Chapel last Sunday, at which time $327.59 was raised. The Captains reported as follows: Georgia Alexander, $5 25; Tabitha Alexander, $5; Caroline Anderson, $2.45; Thomas Ashley, $5; Lucy Allen, $5; Milton Benson, $1; Rachel Bohanna, $5; Mattie Brown, $5; Martha E. Brown, $5; John W. Bush, $2; Margarett Bolder, $9.30; Cornelia Bridges, $1; Ben Bridges. $1.50; Belle Beckwith, $2.63; Frank Beckwith, $1.16; Jane Bess, $5; Ellen Brooks, $6.10; Maggie Campbell $5; Estella Carey, $5; Nancy Crawford, $5; Sophia Dupee, $2.25; Emma Dokes, $5; Susie Darnell, $4; Henry Davis, $1.75; Sallie Dudley, $5; Hattie Dean, $5; Henry Dokes, $4 30; Sallie Ellington, $5; Julia Early $1.25; Mary J. Felton, $5; Lulu Gurnell, $3.50; Ella Greathouse, $5.50; Mattie Green, $5.02; Georgia Hardrick, $5; Fannie Hardrick, $5; Sarah Hill, $3.25; Della Harvey, $5; Mary J. Jackson, $4; Cornelia Jones, $5; Ora King, $2 35; Samuel Logan, $5; Martha Miller, $8; Ella Murray $5; Mrs. J. L. Myers, $4; Nellie Myers, $4; A. L. Murray, $6.38; Clinton Nunn, $1; Frank Oliver, $9.50; Hannah Robb, $3.65; Susan Pierce, $5: Bettie Swa agan, $6 35; Lizzie Streat, $5; Susie Steeple, $2.75; Melvina Smith, $5.02; Tillie E. Smith, $6; Hattie Stafford, $2.25. Hallie Stallard, $5; Jerry Thomas, $5.02; William Thompson, 50c; Maria Thompson, $5.30; Ida Underwood, $5; Lizzie Venerable, $5; Wash Venerable, $4.40; John T. Williams, $5; Ella Williams, $7.37; Mary Wilson, $5; Hannah White, $5; Matilda Wilson, $3.05; Susie Wilson, $3.35; Sarah Warfield, $2.75; Delia Wilson, $3.55; Mamie White, $5; Carrie Wilson, $1.65; Laura Wise, $5.16; Maggie Young, $5.01; Sarah Pope, $1; Emma Gee, 50c.

This report will be continued in the next issue with the names of those who report this week. The pastor, A. L. Murray, and officers wish to turn their heartfelt thanks to St. Mary's Temple No. 2, Doves No. 1, and a generous public for their presence and assistance.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

[Explanation—Owing to a number of events, over which we had no control—namely, the illness of the foreman and the printer's "devil," we were unavoidably crowded out last week, but we hope the generous public will pardon the inevitable.]

Under many unfavorable circumstances, the new Negro woman is making rapid inroads in the intellectual world. Her genius is winning for her laurels at home and abroad. She has long since been recognized in the field of letters as remarkably clever. She is an appreciative contributor in prose and poetry to the best magazines. She is an accomplished christian worker in the Sunday school and in the missionary field. She is deep in thought, very observant, pure-minded and full of generosity. Such is the progressive new Negro woman of to-day.

She is cordially received by the men of the race, for in her they see a more prosperous nation. She is very much in need in our homes. The average Negro child shows plainly its early home training in the school room and on the street. They are abrupt, coarse, loud and untidy. One only needs to visit the colored schools to verify this statement. In many instances, children have been sent from the school room by teachers because of untidiness, only to be confronted later on by an irate mother, with "My chile's good is you," and other vile epithets. This mother then and there arouses a "bully" spirit in the breast of the little one, and thus encouraged, it grows to man and womanhood, despising all things pertaining to cleanliness.

But should the teacher be exonerated? From a mere physical standpoint, if for nothing else, the teacher should inaugurate some method by which the child would consider the importance of tidiness. The school laws will protect such movements, and the teachers should begin at once.

It is said that love lightens labor, and that one can bear the tortures of pain an hundred fold, to the sweet strains of music, but that fellow who in soft, sweet dulcet tones, sang of his unfathomable love to Mrs. Ontheslye in the a sence of her spouse, relates a different story. The wronged husband suddenly appears; the gay Lothario suddenly disappears midst the music made by stove pipes, tin pans, chairs, shot and shell. He has composed a song, "How I Escaped with My Life That Awful Night."

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